

## HYMN NOTES:

### “There Is a Place of Quiet Rest” (824)

So often hymns are written out of a personal experience of the writer, as is this one. In Chicago, Cleland McAfee (1866-1944) had just received word that his brother and sister-in-law had lost both of their daughters to diphtheria within twenty-four hours. He was grief-stricken. He was asked to say some words at the funeral and also to sing a solo. He couldn't think of what to say or to sing but his mind went to verses in Psalms that brought comfort and rest to those who sought refuge in the Lord. As he meditated further, he wrote the words and the music to this simple hymn.

At the double funeral, outside the darkened, quarantined house of his brother, McAfee with a choking voice, sang this hymn publicly for the first time. The following Sunday, his church choir sang it from their pastor's handwritten copy.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

**Sunday, September 13:** John Richards, Linda Granata,  
Denise Cernansky, Grace McLarty

**Monday, September 14:** Betty VanZyl, Allen Hurst

**Tuesday, September 15:** Pat Neely, Bruce Cherry,  
Lindsay Rodewald, Ben Curvin



**Wednesday, September 16:** Dennis O'Shea

**Thursday, September 17:** Myrl Chronister, Ted Wojciechowski

**Friday, September 18:** Eve Walker, Janet George,  
Charlie Fitzgerald, Gail Rothrock,  
Dave Glaser, Julie Latorre

**Saturday, September 19:** Cynthia Lawrence, Larry Stephen  
Brian Preston

*If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by*



**Friends of Northwood**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)

Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation.

Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*after the fire came a gentle whisper...*

1 Kings 19:12

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ◆ Please be sure to check out and “like” the Children's Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children's Bible lesson posted along with other activities.

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### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Wednesday Bible Study**, led by Cindy Huffman

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you'd like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at [lucindyl@aol.com](mailto:lucindyl@aol.com) and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

**Experiencing God Class**, led by Vicki Krueger

If you'd like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at [vickilee33@aol.com](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) and she will send you the meeting details each week.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Citylight Schedule

9/13 - 9/20

★ **SUNDAY 9/13**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

★ **TUESDAY 9/15**  
7:00 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

★ **WEDNESDAY 9/16**  
7:30 PM VIRTUAL CITYNIGHT VIA ZOOM FOLLOWED BY  
TWO ROUNDS OF JACKBOX

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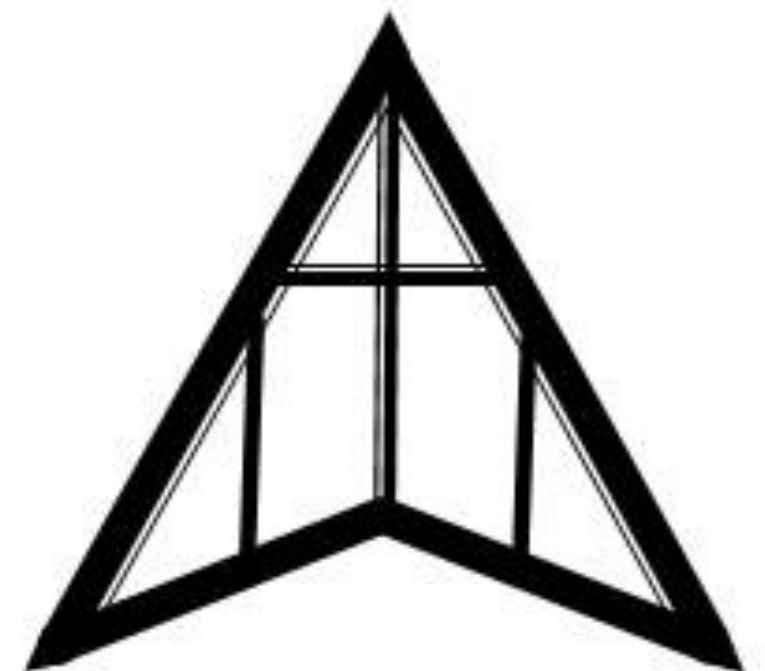
**This week's schedule looks slim! Don't worry, we're just taking a little program break to prepare for 2021! Stay tuned for next week's awesome schedule and some exciting new events...**

**Follow the link to view our weekly email:**  
<https://mailchi.mp/3d639497be95/citylight-updates-1403260>

# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**September 13, 2020**



# Come, Grow, Go!

*Ministers: All Members of the Church*

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
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Order for the Worship of God  
September 13, 2020  
15th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: But in these last days, we have heard God’s voice through His Son, Jesus Christ, who has been given dominion over all things and through whom all worlds were made.

**People:** He is the One who sustains the universe by the power of his command; the one who, even now, reigns in the heavens, seated at the right hand of God.

Leader: He is the one who gave himself to free us from the grip of sin and death.

**People:** God is for us! With growing faith and great joy let us worship our God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #30 “O God, in a Mysterious Way” DUNDEE

O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform.  
You plant your footsteps in the sea and ride up on the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill,  
You treasure up your bright designs and work your sovereign will.

O fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread  
are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head.

Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.  
You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Loving and gracious God, you call us to have ears to hear, ears that will listen to your voice above all other voices. Sadly, many of us have become skilled at selective listening which enables us to embrace cheap grace rather than Christ-centered discipleship. We have often ignored or been indifferent to your voice that calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Dear Lord, in your mercy forgive us. In your grace tune the ears of our hearts so that we may with greater clarity and renewed commitment hear the gentle whisper of your voice which calls us to live a life of faith, hope and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM “Then Sings My Soul” Mary McDonald

(How Great Thou Art)

*(A recording of the Chancel Choir, September 29, 2019)  
O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*And when I think that God, his Son, not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #824 “There Is a Place of Quiet Rest” MCAFFE

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,  
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

*Refrain:* O Jesus, blest redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. *Refrain*

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,  
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. *Refrain*

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 19:1-14 (NRSV)

SERMON “God’s Gentle Whisper”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #169 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” REST

*(stanzas 1,4,5)*  
Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;  
reclathe us in your rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire the coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake,  
wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“In Christ There Is No East or West” Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the  
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media  
& Scripture Based Sermons.

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE SONG**

“You Are Holy”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“The Blessing”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Stand in Your Love”

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Kings 19:1-14 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

“God’s Gentle Whisper”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“King of Kings”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!