

HYMN NOTES:

“Fight the Good Fight” (846)

This hymn, based on I Timothy 6:12 and Hebrews 12:1-2, was written in 1863 by John S. B. Monsell (1811-1875). He was born in Derry/Londonderry at St. Columb’s Cathedral in what is now Northern Ireland. (His father was the archdeacon at the Cathedral). Three years ago this month a number of us from Northwood gave an organ/choral concert at St. Columb’s which is the first cathedral built after the Reformation (1633). Monsell was educated at Trinity College in Dublin and became an Anglican priest. He served several churches in England and while watching workmen repair his church in Guildford, he was killed by a falling stone. Congregational singing was a major concern for Monsell. He wrote almost 300 hymns and urged that singing be “more fervent and joyous.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, September 20: Ken Andreassen, Mitchell Johnston
Monday, September 21: Alyssa Long, Hannah Gipson
Tuesday, September 22: Steve Lang, Matilde Naider
David Nelson, Rachel Granata
Wednesday, September 23: Carl Corrello, Phil Ventrella,
Faye Mackie, Tanya Adkisson
Thursday, September 24: Lou Weislogel
Friday, September 25: Bob Rath, Leah Dipolito, Cecelia Turner

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



Terry & Peggy Steele
In Loving Memory of our Mothers
Maxine Steele & Zella Morris



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

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!

Some of the disciples from Caesarea also came along and brought us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, and early disciple, with whom we were to stay.

Acts 21:16

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 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 and she will send you the meeting details each week.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule 9/20 - 9/27

- ★ **SUNDAY 9/20**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - CHECK IN & TWO ROUNDS OF JACKBOX
- ★ **TUESDAY 9/22**
7:00 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 9/23**
7:30 PM - VIRTUAL CITYNIGHT VIA ZOOM
- ★ **FRIDAY 9/25**
9:00 PM LATE NIGHT JACKBOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **SUNDAY 9/27**
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
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM

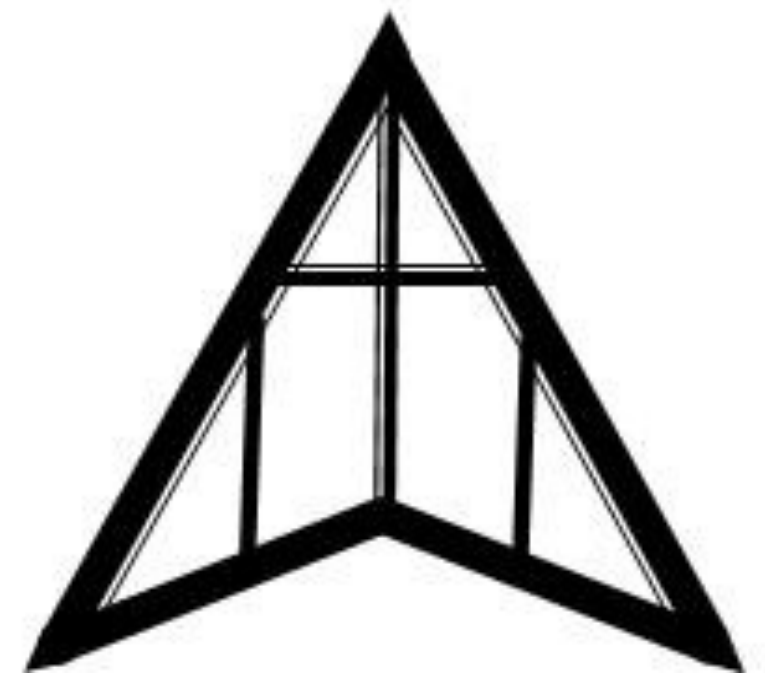
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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

September 20, 2020



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Worship of God
September 20, 2020
16th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: In God’s providence we live and work and join in families.

People: By God’s hands we receive those things we need.

Leader: We thank you God for the harvest of goodness you supply.

People: For food and shelter, for all our friendships.

Leader: Above all, we praise you for your Son, who shows us mercy.

People: Glory to God for God’s great kindness to us.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arr. Don Hustad

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #846 “Fight the Good Fight” DUKE STREET

Fight the good fight with all thy might.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the strait race through God’s good grace;

lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ’s face.

Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.

God’s boundless mercy will provide.

Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove

Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God’s arms are near.

God changeeth not, and thou art dear.

Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Almighty God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our negative attitudes. In your mercy, help us take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus/ arr. Vince Gill

The Old Rugged Cross/How Great Thou Art”

Stephanie Carson, Soloist; Mark Johnston, Violin

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief's to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

And I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;

I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;

How great Thou art, 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 #647 “Give Thanks” GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;

give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say,

“We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” *(repeat)*

Give thanks. Give thanks.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 21:16 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES Some Things I’m Most Thankful For Just Now

#1 “Members of Long Standing”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,

natures wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:

gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;

thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:

all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.

Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace

conferred:

ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,

healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Oh, Love How Deep” arr. Michael Helman

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

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

“Raise a Hallelujah”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Grace Wins”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

VIDEO

“Thankful”

OFFERTORY

“Reckless Love”

SCRIPTURE

Acts 21:16 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

Sermon Series

Some Things I’m Most Thankful For Just Now

#1 “Members of Long Standing”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Who You Are to Me”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!