

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, July 18:** Rob Robicheau, Jimmy Krueger, Morgan Peterson

**Monday, July 19:** Kristen Bonnier

**Tuesday, July 20:** Mary Kreuziger, Linda O’Leary, Kat Bonfiglio, Dan Jeffre


**Wednesday, July 21:** Jill Friedman

**Thursday, July 22:** Ted Whitten, JoAnne Spigarelli, Kayla McDermott


**Friday, July 23:** Heather Villafranca, Mike O’Leary, Jill Manning

**Saturday, July 24:** Ginny Johnson


*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 “2021 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!

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**


(9:00) Cindy Gamble and Vickie Mills

(11:00) Jessie Loy, Roger Snay & Dan Hyden

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Pam Means

(11:00) Eleanor Cicerchi & Dee Rivers



*“But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”*

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Matthew 6:6

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

Cindy Huffman will be leading a study of the prophet, Jeremiah, featuring the book by Matthew S. Harmon. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at [lu-cindy1@aol.com](mailto:lu-cindy1@aol.com) and she will forward you the Zoom link.


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

Experiencing God Class will not meet during the summer. We will meet again starting in September. Please contact Vicki Krueger via email at [vick-ilee33@aol.com](mailto:vick-ilee33@aol.com) if you have any questions.

**Fresh Brewed**, led by Louise Mylin

Fresh Brewed will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**



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**Welcome To**

**Northwood Presbyterian Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

*Organized February 19, 1978*

**July 18, 2021**



**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 Public Worship of God  
July 18, 2021  
8th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE “The Love of Jesus Medley” arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: **God is the stronghold of our lives; of who shall we be afraid?**

Leader: Let us offer sacrifices of joy and thanksgiving, we will sing and make melody to our God.

\*HYMN #12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only wise” ST. DENIO  
*(stanzas 1,2,4)*

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 “This I Pray (Prayer for Others)” by Heather Sorenson  
Stephanie Carons, soloist

May your life-song sing of God’s amazing grace.  
May your feet be firm and steady in this race.  
When the world reflects your image through a mirrored façade,  
May you always see your beauty through the perfect eyes of God.

*Refrain: This I pray, this I pray, that you’d have God’s best. Be strong and blessed.*

When your arms are empty, may your heart be full,  
And the mountains that you face seem possible.  
When the ground is dry, I pray that you’d have rain,  
And when the music starts to vanish, you would sing on through your pain. *Refrain*

When your arms are empty, may your heart be full,  
And the mountains that you face seem possible.  
When the ground is dry, I pray that you’d have rain,  
And when the music starts to vanish, you would sing on through your pain. *Refrain*

And when God’s voice is silent, you’d hold tighter to his hand,  
And trust He’ll lead you safely on the journey He has planned.  
And if threadbare faith holds stillborn dreams, I pray the hurt would be redeemed.  
To hold on tightly to the Savior, grow in truth, and never waver.

I pray your heart is warm when life can be so cold,  
And when scoffers mock your journey, you’d be bold.  
I pray for good on your table in times when it’s lean,  
And that you’d share your meal with others so God’s goodness can be seen. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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

\*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN “Sweet Hour of Prayer” SWEET HOUR

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my father’s throne,  
make all my wants and wishes known:  
in seasons of distress and grief my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter’s snare,  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
thy wings shall my petition bear,  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless:  
and since he bids me seek His face,  
believe His Word and trust His grace,  
I’ll cast Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 6:5-8 (NRSV)  
Romans 8:26-27 (NRSV)

SERMON “Sighs Too Deep for Words”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #465 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE  
*(stanzas 1,2)*

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and sorrows to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Nordic Song” arr. John W Schaum

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; Cynthia Triffon, Pianist.

IGNITE

*ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the  
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media  
& Scripture Based Sermons.*

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE SONG**

*“Glorious Day”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEET AND GREET**

**PRAISE SONG**

*“Rise Up (Lazarus)”*

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*“On My Knees”*

**VIDEO**

*“Moving Backward”*

**SCRIPTURES**

*Matthew 6:5-8*

*Romans 8:26-27*

**MESSAGE**

*“Sighs Too Deep for Words”*

*Chris Curvin, Pastor*

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

*“The Blessing”*

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*