

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, September 5: Delores Shugart, Michael Turner, Alison Gunderman
Monday, September 6: Mark Giese, Aimee McDermott
Tuesday, September 7: Curtis Krueger
Wednesday September 8: Wallace Ericson, Dorothy Brown
Friday, September 10: Loring Daniel, Ashley Gordon



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. 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)
 (11:00) Claudia Alwood & Jeanette Holloway

USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie & Andy Strelcheck
 (11:00) Patty Martin & Barbara Moler



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for man."

Colossians 3:23

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 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 vickilee33@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.

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women unified circle will meet Tuesday, September 14 at 10:00 in rooms 4-8. We will be starting a new 9 month bible study entitled *What my Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair. Chris Curvin will be teaching each lesson via Livestream, and our circle will have a follow-up discussion of the lesson. The first lesson is this Thursday, September 9th at 11AM. If you'd like a book, or more information regarding the multiple activities that Presbyterian Women engage in, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule 9/1 - 9/12

WEDNESDAY 9/1
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 9/3
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 9/5
 9:00 AM - INDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
 10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00 AM - INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 9/8
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 9/10
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 9/12
 9:00 AM - INDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
 10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Follow the link to view our weekly email:
<https://mailchi.mp/d6cf50d81da8/citylightupdate-6517603>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
 Organized February 19, 1978*

September 5, 2021

"Sing Unto the Lord"
 by Charles Yannerella

Sing, Sing, sing unto the Lord, let your heart rejoice and your soul fill with gladness.
 Sing, Sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His Holy Name.
 Sing, Sing, sing unto the Lord, let your voice proclaim His excellent greatness.
 Sing, Sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His Holy name.

Fill your hearts with praises and thanksgiving.
 Let us go before the Lord and bless His Name forever.

Sing, Sing, sing unto the Lord, let your voices join in praise to the Father.
 Sing, Sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His Holy Name.
 Sing, Sing, sing unto the Lord, let us praise the Son and Holy Spirit;
 Sing, Sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His holy name.

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
September 5, 2021
15th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “How Firm a Foundation” arr. Harold DeCou

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

All: But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”

One: Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest.”

**All: We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors, for if
We rely on our own strength, our striving would be losing.**

One: Let us worship God who is our Shelter and Mighty Fortress.

*HYMN #275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN’ FESTE BURG
(stanzas 1,2)

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.**

For still our ancient foe, does seek to work us woe;

**his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.**

You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;

and he must win the battle.

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our work is
not always done in a manner that affirms and honors each other. Our
work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess
that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people
who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. Creator God,
help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are
valued. And one where those who serve us, are also served by us. In
Christ's name. 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.**

*APOSTLES' CREED *(Together-see back panel Ignite service for Creed)*

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM “Sing Unto the Lord” by Charles Yannerella
Chancel Choir

Please see front cover of bulletin

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 11:28 (KJV)

Ephesians 2:4-10 (NRSV)

SERMON

“When Our Striving Would Be Losing”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN

“O Master Workman of the Race”

FOREST GREEN

O Master Workman of the human race, Thou Man of Galilee,
Who with the eyes of early youth eternal things didst see.

We thank Thee for Thy boyhood faith that shone Thy whole life through;

“Did ye not know it is my work, my Father's work to do?”

O Thou who dost the vision send and givest each his task,
And with the task sufficient strength, show us Thy will, we ask;
Give us a conscience bold and good, give us a purpose true,
That it may be our highest joy, our Father's work do to.

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 debt-
ors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND
THE SHARING OF THE CUP

*(If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this service by
preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)*

COMMUNION HYMN (Please remain seated)

HYMN #516 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” vs. 1, 2 KINGDOM

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne, We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts, and our cares.
We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows, The sympathizing tear.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “O God, Our Help”

William Croft

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Nathanael Leonard, Associate Director of Music & Organist

IGNITE

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

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE SONG

“Good God Almighty”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Living Hope”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

***APOSTLES' CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cruci-
fied, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

Nate Leonard, Piano

SCRIPTURES

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MESSAGE

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HOLY COMMUNION

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Believer”

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU