

**HYMN NOTES:**

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God (32)**

This text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was first published in his *Divine and Moral Songs for the Use of Children* (1715). This was the first hymnal written exclusively for children. He wrote this about it:

*“Children of high and low degree, of the Church of England or dissenters, baptized in infancy or not, may all join together in these songs. And as I have endeavored to sink the language to the level of a child’s understanding, and yet to keep it, if possible, above contempt, so I have designed to profit all, if possible, and offend none.”*

It is rare that a profound theologian can write well for children, but at least in this one hymn Watts succeeded. The words are filled with vivid pictures of the handiworks of God, and remind us that God is everywhere in our midst. (It is alright for adults to sing this, too!)

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



Mike & Linda O’Leary  
In Memory of  
Dorthea O’Leary



Bob Grubbs  
In Loving Memory of  
Pat Grubbs

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2015 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week in Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....**



- Sunday, September 6th:** Mark Giese, Gary Jay, Aimee McDermott
- Monday, September 7th:** Roy Jackson, Curtis Krueger, Owen Lemon, Marian Rather
- Tuesday, September 8th:** Dot Brown, Carol Curry
- Thursday, September 10th:** Loring Daniel, Tyler Jones
- Friday, September 11th:** Jarret Schuler, Brian Schultz, Doris Smith, Shirley Walker
- Saturday, September 12th:** Judy Peterson

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

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

- ACOLYTE:** Aidan McDermott
- GREETERS:** Billie & Ben Nesmith
- USHERS:**
  - (9:00) Sam & Barb Musgrave
  - (10:30) Gene Baker, Earle Lusk, Ed Puschnann, Bob MacFall
- VAN DRIVER:** Ed Puschnann



**SUMMER EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

**9:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year), Room 16**  
Join us in the multi-age Sunday School in Room 16 at 9:00 AM.

*Teachers: Nancy Donnelly & Carissa Johnston*

**1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, Room 8**

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

*Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Kayla McDermott*

**10:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade if needed.

**Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table**

*Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).*

**Middle & High School Christian Education**

There will be no Sunday School for Middle and High School throughout the summer! See you in the Fall at Discovery Day!

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

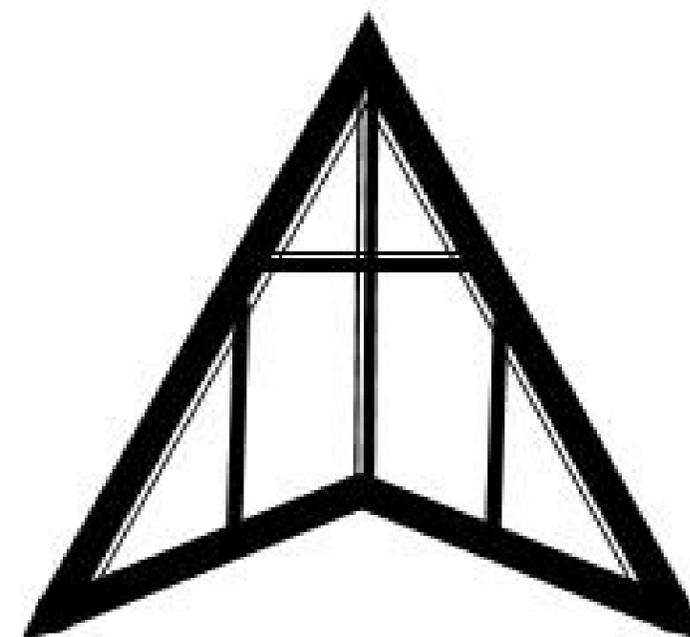
**The TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)**

We will begin the 2015-2016 year on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in Rooms 9 and 11 with a two-week study looking at the relationship between *truth* and *change* and dealing with the questions: “If something is true, how can it change?” and “If something changes, how could it have been true in the first place?” We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as members of the church and members of society. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion. At present, it is believed to be true that coffee and cookies will be available.

**Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**

**September 6, 2015**



**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 6, 2015  
15th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.  
Please silence electronic devices.)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “On Eagle’s Wings” Michael Joncas  
arr. Mark Hayes

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

**\*HYMN #35** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

WE CONFESS

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Ellen Stoup, Clerk of Session

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God: You make all things new and forgive old wrongs we can't forget. We have spent time without expressing love to others and we have at times drifted along in life without purpose. Daily we have done wrong and failed to do what you lovingly ask of us. Forgive the past; do not let it cripple or shame us. Lead us into this week, free from sin, free to love and ready to work for you Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ the 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.”

**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Together, page 35)**

**ANTHEM** “Jacob’s Ladder” Simon Lindley  
Michele White, soprano; Dick Casper, baritone

*As Jacob with travel was weary one day,  
at night on a stone for a pillow he lay;  
He saw in a vision a ladder so high,  
that it’s foot was on earth and its top in the sky.*

**Refrain:** Alleluia to Jesus who died on the tree,  
And hath raised up a ladder of mercy for me.

*This ladder is long, it is strong and well-made,  
Has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed;  
Many millions have climbed it and reached Zion’s hill,  
And thousands by faith are climbing it still; **Refrain***

*Come, let us ascend, all may climb it who will;  
For the angels of Jacob are guarding it still;  
And remember, each step that by faith we pass o’er,  
Some prophet or martyr hath trod it before. **Refrain***

*And when we arrive at the haven of rest,  
We shall hear the glad words, “Come up hither, ye blest,  
Here are regions of light, here are mansions of bliss.”  
O, who would not climb such a ladder as this?*

**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** (Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.)

WE SHARE

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** David Cherwien  
“Hymn Interpretation on SCHMÜCKE DICH”  
(based on the communion hymn #514, “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”)

**\*DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 515) Proverbs 8:22-31 (NRSV)

**SERMON** **Reasons to Believe** Chris Curvin, Pastor  
#2 “The Second Big Bang”

**\*HYMN #500** “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” ST. FLAVIAN

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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.”

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one Body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

“Liturgical Improvisation #2” George Oldroyd  
(1895-1968)

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**\*HYMN #32** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ELLACOMBE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Michael Burkhardt  
“All Glory Be to God on High”

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

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

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

# 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**

“Good To Be Alive”

“Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)”

**MEET & GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION—DISCOVERY DAY**

“Holy Spirit”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“The Name”

**SCRIPTURE**

Proverbs 8: 22-31 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

Reasons to Believe

#2 “The Second Big Bang”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION**

**MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Michael Joncas, arr. Mark Hayes

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Our God”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*