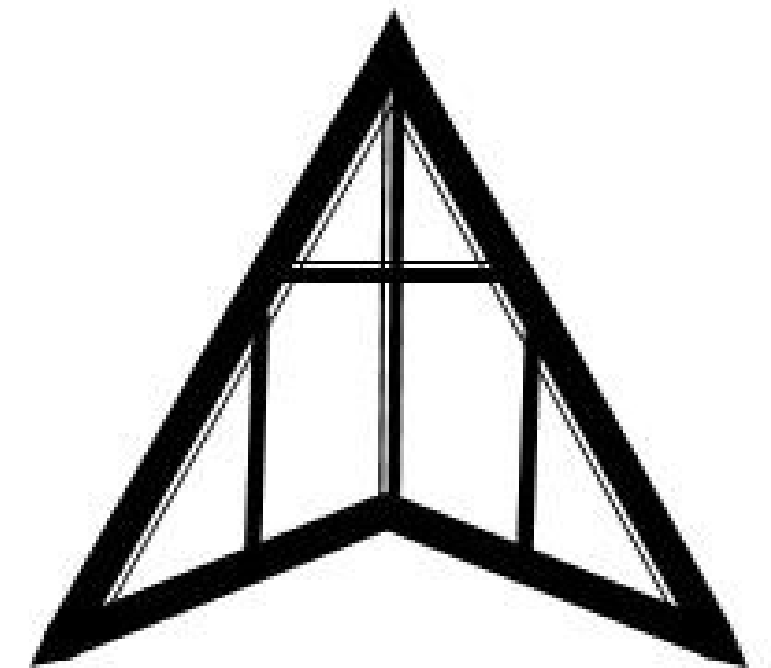


**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church  
A Stephen Ministry Church**

**May 3, 2015**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

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**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.  
*Teacher: Justine Ruisz*

**9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3**  
*Teachers: Jana Davis & Aimee McDermott, Diane Musto*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Room 16**

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 16.  
*Teachers: Melissa Patel & Jean Swintek*

**3<sup>rd</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.  
*Teacher: Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck*

**11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or remain in worship with their parents.  
*Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens*

**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**

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.  
9:30 AM Youth Room  
11:00 AM Youth Room

**9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15**

**TODAY:** Join us as we study the life of Joseph in Genesis. Led by Bob Meier.

**TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11**

**TODAY:** The violence in the news reports seems to be never ending. Bill Bitner will lead a class discussion on three of these incidents—the militant shooting and beheading 30 Ethiopian Christians, people fleeing violence in Libya when the boat capsized in the Mediterranean, and the boy who was thrown overboard (along with 11 other Christians) for praying. Cookies and coffee will add to the pleasure of the fellowship.

**11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15**

**TODAY:** We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God's love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.

**HYMN NOTES:** There is an interesting communion hymn in our hymnal at #534 titled "Now the Silence." It was written by a American Lutheran pastor of Slavic decent, Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008). We are not singing this hymn today but you will hear two organ settings of the tune. The fourteen line hymn without punctuation marks first appeared in *This Day* in May 1968. The author wrote about it:

*The hymn text originated while I was shaving one morning (a time when I get a lot of original ideas). I was editor of This Day magazine at the time. Somewhere in the back of my mind, during my previous eighteen years in the full-time parish ministry, I was accumulating reasons and benefits in worship. I have felt that we often get so little out of worship because we anticipate so little, and we seldom come with a bucket large enough to catch all the shower of grace that comes to us in that setting. Suddenly the hymn began to form in my mind as a list of awesome and exciting things that one should expect in worship, culminating in the Eucharist and benediction. This hymn resulted.*

*Subconsciously I was producing a hymn without rhyme or without worn clichés, depending entirely on rhythm and repetition to make it singable. The reversal of the Trinitarian order in the benediction was made not only to make the conclusion memorable, but to indicate the order in which the Trinity approaches us in worship: The Spirit brings us the Gospel, by which God's blessing is released in our lives.*

*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 "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, May 3rd:** Melissa Schultz  
**Monday, May 4th:** Fred Inkles, Barbara Jeffery  
**Tuesday, May 5th:** Juanita Hickey, Laura Hortobagyi  
**Wednesday, May 6th:** Trish Cole, Joyce Curvin  
**Thursday, May 7th:** Sarah Birch, Jenny Carlstedt, Taylor Lyons  
**Friday, May 8th:** Pat Jackson, Bill Rimmler, Barbara Thompson  
**Saturday, May 9th:** Carol Pyrek, Stanley Pryek, Jane Sutton, Hilary Tonelis, Lauren Warren, Kristen Williamson



*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**

**ACOLYTES:**

(8:15) Kayla Dabbs  
(11:00) Aidan McDermott

**GREETERS:**

(8:15) Charlotte & Fred McQuown  
(11:00) Pat & Dean Rabenstine

**USHERS:**

(8:15) David Hamilton, Anna Hamilton, Earle Lusk, Bob MacFall  
(9:30) Barb & Sam Musgrave  
(11:00)



Acolytes



Greeters & Ushers

**VAN DRIVER:** Ed Puschmann

**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**May 3, 2015**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**WE GATHER**

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

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “And Can It Be?” arr. Linda R. Lamb  
Celebration Ringers

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

**\*HYMN #275** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN’ FESTE BURG

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Merciful God, who are we whose eyes and lips offend our sisters and brothers and You, our Creator, who has made us all? How is it that we put our trust in things we design rather than in Your providential hands? Have mercy on us God, for we have lived lives with pretensions, falsehood, and unfaithfulness. Look with compassion on our misplaced trust and misdirected loyalties. Save us from ourselves. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)**

Leader: With steadfast love, God delivers us from the dungeons of our own devices to experience healing and help. Friends, hear the good news, God answers our prayers, provides for us, and grants us salvation.

**People: In Jesus' name, we are forgiven, Amen!**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581** HYMN TO JOY

What a world of sound we live in; many words we daily hear.

‘Mid this world’s conflicting voices, be for us God’s Word so clear.

Help us listen to your story; help us hear you when we pray.

In you, Jesus, is our hope: God comes to each of us today.

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

**ANTHEM** “A Communion Invitation” Martin/Courtney

*Come, if you are lonely, My door is open wide.*

*All of you are welcome, come and step inside.*

*Enter with My blessing, no one is denied.*

*Come, sit at My table, come, sit by My side.*

**Refrain:** *Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine.*

*If you hunger, take this bread, sit with Me and dine.*

*Every weary trav’ler, every troubled soul,*

*Rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.*

*The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will share,*

*The bread we’ll break together, I’ve lovingly prepared. **Refrain***

**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** Justine Ruisz, Dir. of Children’s Ministry  
*(Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)*

**CHILDREN SING (11:00)** “This Little Light of Mine” arr. Ken Berg  
Angel Choir (3rd-5th grade)

**WE SHARE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** “Now the Silence” Sue Mitchell-Wallace  
*(based on the communion hymn #534 in Glory to God)*

**\*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** (pages 284-285) 1 Kings 19:1-3, 9-15b (NRSV)

**\*HYMN #843** (Psalm 62) “My Soul Is at Rest” from Taize  
*(all sing the repeated refrain, read the bold print responsively)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 923) Romans 13:11-12 (NRSV)

**SERMON** “Wake-Up Calls” E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

**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**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Eugene Englert  
“Humbly We Adore Thee” Englert

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #630** “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADERS’ HYMN  
*(sing all stanzas, with stanza 3 unaccompanied)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** “Now the Silence” Charles W. Ore  
*(see the communion hymn #534)*

*(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 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.*

**COUNTDOWN**

“Thy Word”

Grant/Smith

NPC Children’s Choirs

**MEET & GREET  
PRAISE SONG**

“God Is Able”

“Good to Be Alive”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Ken Berg

Angel Choir (3rd-5th grade)

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

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

**CALL TO OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 13:11-12 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

“Wake-Up Calls”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION  
MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

“Rain Down”

arr. Mark Hayes

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*



*that Ignite Action!*