

Hymn Notes:
“The God of Abraham Praise” (49)
This text has a long and complex history beginning with a set of thirteen articles of Jewish faith known as the *Yigdal*, based on the imagery of Daniel 7 as written down by Moses Maimonides in the 12th century and versified around 1400 by Daniel ben Judah. After hearing the famous cantor Meyer Lyon sing it in Hebrew at the Great Synagogue in London, Thomas Olivers made a Christianized adaptation of it in English. Another translation was also made and the two were blended in *The Hymnal, 1933*—the Presbyterian hymnal. The tune is based on one of the traditional melodies for the Hebrew *Yigdal*. Although lore associated with this tune claims that it was sung at the dedication of Solomon’s Temple, it’s more likely that it was about 100 years old when the cantor Meyer Lyon sang it to Thomas Olivers in 1770. Because of its Jewish and folkloric associations this tune has found its way into several pieces of classical music such as Rossini’s oratorio *Moses in Egypt* and Smetana’s *The Moldau*.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, February 24: Jane Kirkpatrick, Ben Jones

Tuesday, February 26: Beth Brinkman, Brianna Mattheus


Wednesday, February 27: Cookie Roffey, Jeremy Stephen, Erik Johansen, Brysen Patel

Thursday, February 28: Marie Elliot, Carol Justice, David Robicheau


Friday, March 1: Carol Zieres, Marcy Seckman, Pat Callan, Charlie Larson

Saturday, March 2: Gary Reefer, Georgianna Winder, Sonya Weidner


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



Catherine Brinkman & John Somers
In Honor of Their Marriage



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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(8:15) JoAnne & Ray Spigarelli

(11:00) Barbara Forsyth & Marylou Foemmel

USHERS:

(8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister

Tim Beaver & Fred Heider

(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin


(11:00) Claudia Alwood & Polly Brown

Eleanor Cicerchi & Jon Mills


ACOLYTE: Claire Cantin

VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig

Ushers & Greeters



Acolytes



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds–1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Jean Swintek & Kathleen Pope.

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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be discussing today’s message.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

TCI provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. TCI chooses topics from suggestions by participants and our leadership team. We meet in rooms 9 &11 and we fuel our always-lively conversations with coffee and cookies.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger,

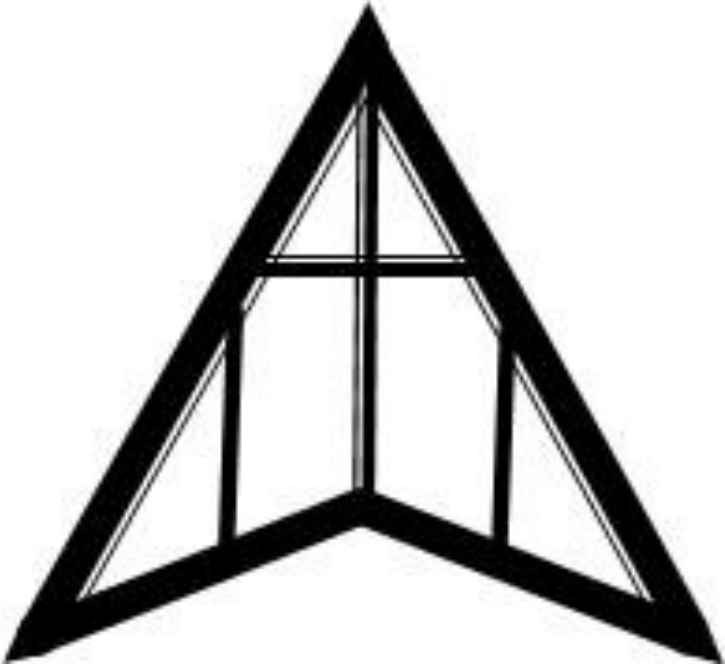
Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Pskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

February 24, 2019



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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 24, 2019
7th Sunday after Epiphany
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)* Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy.
People: You shall love your neighbors as yourself.
Leader: In Christ the promises of God are fulfilled;
People: in Christ we are sealed by the Holy Spirit.
Leader: Love your enemies; bless those who curse you.
People: Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” arr. Bruce Greer
Jubilation Ringers, Heather Wood, Clarinet
(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 #806** “I’ll Praise My Maker” OLD 113TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
God of Promise, thank you that you are with us and love us all the time.
We know that not only this past week, but other times in the past, we have
not always lived the way you call us to live. We have done wrong things
and not done all the good things we should have done. So please forgive us
and help us to live so that through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, we
come at last into your presence in Heaven. We ask this in Jesus’
name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 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 “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Craig Courtney
Melanie Schulz, Violin

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot,
Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross,
And I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll: The trump shall resound,
And the Lord shall descend, “Even so”, it is well with my soul!
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their
parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)*

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

MUSICAL OFFERING “Morning Has Broken” arr. Brant Adams
Melanie Schulz, Violin

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #353** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 34:1, 4-8, 10 NRSV *(page 168)*
1 Corinthians 9:23-25 NRSV *(page 931)*

SERMON “Dealing with Unfinished Business”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #49** “The God of Abraham Praise” LEONI

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING “When Peace Like a River” arr. Lenny Seidel
(please be seated) Melanie Schulz, Violin

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “How Great Thou Art” arr. Wilbur Held

*(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must
leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)*

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

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

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

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”
Jubilation Ringers
Heather Wood, Clarinet

WELCOME

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG
“You Are Holy”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTRODUCTION OF
WORSHIP PREPARATION CLASS**
Justine Davis

BAPTISM
Harrison William Turner
Infant Son of Laura & Patrick Turner

PRAISE SONG
“The River”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
CALL TO OFFERING**

OFFERTORY
“O Come to the Altar”

SCRIPTURE
Deuteronomy 34:1, 4-8, 10
1 Corinthians 9:23-25

MESSAGE
“Dealing with Unfinished Business”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Lion and the Lamb”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU