

**Music Notes:**

The solo organ music today is by the American Wilbur Held who died in 2015 just short of his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. His final composition was on the hymntune OLD HUNDREDTH which he was working on as plans were proceeding for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. He didn't see the irony in that until it was pointed out to him. Held wrote hundreds of pieces for organ that are used in countless churches each Sunday. He spent his academic years at The Ohio State University as Professor of Organ for thirty years and was also Organist/Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbus. He studied with some of the most prominent organists and composers of his day including Marcel Dupre, Andre Marchal and Normand Lockwood. He earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Union Theological Seminary in New York. After his 1978 retirement he and his wife moved to southern California where he continued playing organ in his retirement home, playing at weekly vesper services, and at most of the funerals—one only a month before his own death.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, March 17:** Robin MacLennan, Ethel Holden, Stephanie Strelcheck, Nyden Rodewald  
**Monday, March 18:** Margaret Lewis, Lyn Booth  
**Wednesday, March 20:** Jessica Curtin, Delaney Williamson  
**Thursday, March 21:** Elaine Cornillaud, Peggy Steele  
**Friday, March 22:** Suzanne Hamilton, Mandy Voss  
**Saturday, March 23:** Rich Spoenlein, Andy Strelcheck, Gabby Zimmer



*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*



**Carol Bushnell & Alvin Bushnell**  
**In Memory of Lauren Bushnell,**  
**Loving Husband and Father**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2019 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!

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

(8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner  
(11:00) Roger Snay & Margie Gott

**USHERS:**

(8:15) Mary Duffey, Earle Lusk  
Fred McQuown, Bob MacFall  
(9:30) Marie Ziegler & Kim Peterson  
(11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood  
Mike & Linda O'Leary

Ushers & Greeters



**ACOLYTE:**

(8:15) Claire Cantin

**VAN DRIVER:** Jerry Koski



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> 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-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Room 3**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Room 8**

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

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

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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.

In this modern world, considering how our Christian values guide our daily lives can be a challenge; that's the challenge that we engage with every week in our TCI class. This week, Garry Justice will pose the question: "What to you know about St. Patrick?" -- a particularly timely topic. Next week, March 24th, we'll hold a Skype session with missionaries our church supports; they serve in a war-torn area in the Middle East -- a true challenge.

**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. Last Sunday we began a new lesson on the Book of Hebrews. We are using the study guide: *Hebrews: Christ-Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest* by John MacArthur. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**March 17, 2019**



**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  
March 17, 2019  
2nd Sunday in Lent  
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: In faith we come to worship understanding that our faith is a gift of grace from God.

**People: Praise the Lord, who gives life to the dead.**

Leader: Jesus call us to be His disciples.

**People: In faith and by God’s grace, we take up the cross to follow Him.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(8:15) “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee” arr. Wilbur Held  
(11:00) “The Light of God’s Love” arr. Mark Burrows

Angel Choir (2nd-5th grade)

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(11:00) “The B-I-B-L-E”  
Celestial Orff Ensemble (1st-5th grade)

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #2 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God calls us in our lives to be like the grain of wheat which dies, which lets go of one form in order to be transformed into new, and fuller life. And yet we often fear the risk and change which new growth involves. Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may be resisting God moving in our lives. (brief silence)

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: When we resist your call to change our hearts and to seek your will:

**People: God have mercy.**

Leader: When we nurse our wounded hearts, nurture bitterness and withhold forgiveness which may bring healing and transform relationships:

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: When fear for our own security leads us to close our hearts from those who are in need:

**People: God have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The one who makes a covenant on our hearts is faithful, and for gives our sins and failures. And in Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcomes us into the household of God as God’s dearly beloved children.

**People: Thanks be to God for his sacrificial love in Jesus Christ which forgives, redeems and transforms us!**

\*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

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Stephen Chatman

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee, Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.*

*High King of Heaven, after victory won,  
May I reach heavens joys, O bright heavens Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

\*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 #816 “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 NRSV (page 10)

SERMON

“A Long and Winding Journey of Faith”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #440

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

ABERYSTWYTH

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING (8:15) “The B-I-B-L-E”

(please be seated) Celestial Orff Ensemble

(11:00) “May the Peace of God Be Your Peace” Neil McLaren  
Gail Rothrock, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Trumpet Tune”

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

WELCOME

“The B-I-B-L-E”

Celestial Orff Ensemble (1st-5th grade)

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“My Feet Are on the Rock”

“Old Church Choir”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“The Light of God’s Love”

Angel Choir (2nd-5th grade)

DEACON ORDINATION

Fleet Wulf

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER  
CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What a Beautiful Name”

VIDEO

“Believe”

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

MESSAGE

“A Long and Winding Journey of Faith”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Nothing Ever (Can Separate Us)”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!