

**Hymn Notes:**

**“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” (255)**

This is a divided hymn in our book—we sang the first five stanzas on Easter (#235). The next six stanzas (#255) tell quite faithfully the story of Thomas and his encounter with the risen Jesus. The Greek name Didymus, as Thomas was called, means (the twin). If Thomas did indeed have a twin brother, a lifetime of mistaken identity may have predisposed him to question the disciples’ identification of the person who appeared to them. On the other hand, there is a tradition that he was called “twin” because he closely resembled Jesus, which would also make him aware of how one person could be mistaken for another. In any case, the disdain Thomas has suffered through the ages as “doubting Thomas” fails to take into account how his caution results from his life experience and how preferable honest questioning is to insincere claims of belief. Don’t forget his profession “My Lord and my God” is profound.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, May 19:** Bryce Bullis
- Tuesday, May 21:** Nancy Johnson, Bill Martin, Michelle Nigels
- Wednesday, May 22:** Mimi Judd, Jim Roberts, Sandy Estavil
- Thursday, May 23:** Bryan Bullis
- Saturday, May 25:** Jane Frame, Hallie Pelham, Kylie Winder



*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*



**Louise Mylin  
In Honor of Bill’s Birthday**



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) Barbara Moler & Ellen Stoup
- (11:00) Larry & Sandy Ingram

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Fred & Charlotte McQuown  
Ellen Stoup & Gene Baker
- (9:30) Marie Ziegler & Kim Peterson
- (11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen  
Polly Brown & Jon Mills

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence

**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-1st Grade, Room 3**  
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.  
**2nd-5th Grade, Room 8**  
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassandra Fredrikson.

**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 (Today’s Christian Issues) is an adult class that focuses on how our Christianity informs our attitudes toward modern scientific, political, religious and social challenges. Visitors are always welcome to explore whether this approach would enhance their Sunday experience at Northwood.  
Today, Eleanor Cicerchi will explore Generation Z: A Force for Change in Our World? From Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to calls for action on climate change around the world, is Generation Z (those born in the 21st century) departing from the complacency and self-centeredness of the millennials?

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

Join us on the journey for the truth about Jesus. In this video-based study based on "The Case for Christ," we will sift through historical evidence and expert testimony to help us see Jesus in a new way and find our lives transformed. We will also gain the tools to talk about Jesus with those who question whether Jesus existed or whether he is a good man, a prophet or the Son of God. Come join us!

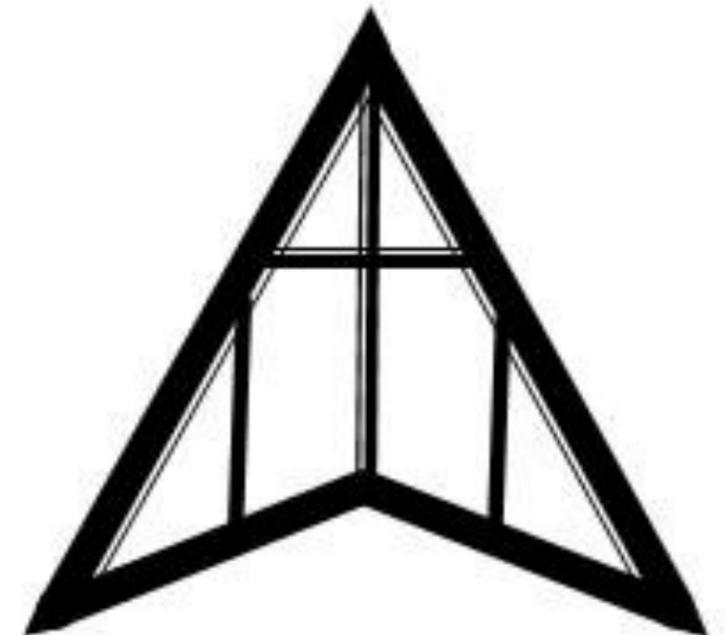
**11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study**

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the Book of Hebrews, 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*

**May 19, 2019**



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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**May 19, 2019**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**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)**

Leader: How can we know the way of God?  
**All: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.**  
Leader: Beloved, let us love one another  
**All: We love because God first loved us.**  
Leader: This is our new commandment in Christ:  
**All: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “Immortal Invisible” arr. Arnold B. Sherman  
Celestial Handbell Ensemble

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC** “I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”  
(11:00) Celestial Orff Ensemble

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #255** “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” O FILLI ET FILLAE  
(stanzas 3,4,5,6)

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life and turns us around. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. 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** “Shout for Joy, Loud and Long” arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Shout for joy, loud and long, God be praised with a song!  
To the Lord we belong: children of our Maker. God the great life giver.  
Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!  
God is love, God is light, God is everlasting!*

*By God’s Word all was made, heaven and earth, light and shade,  
Nature’s wonders displayed, we to rule creation from its first foundation.  
Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!  
God is love, God is light, God is everlasting!*

*Yet our pride makes us fall: so Christ came for us all  
Not the righteous to call by his cross and passion, bringing us salvation!  
Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!  
God is love, God is light, God is everlasting!*

*Now has Christ truly risen, and His Spirit is given to all those  
under heaven who will walk beside him, Though they once denied him!  
Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!  
God is love, God is light, God is everlasting!*

**OUR MINISTRY WITH 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. *(hymnal p.35)*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Alfred V. Fedak

**\*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 #817** “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” DUNLAP’S CREEK

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:19-31 NRSV *(page 883)*

**SERMON**

“Thomas is a Friend of Mine” Chris Curvin, Pastor  
*(verse 29) “Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet they have believed”*

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #829**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC** “I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”  
(8:15) Celestial Orff Ensemble

**SUNG BLESSING**

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

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Improvisation on WOODLANDS” Paul Manz  
*(based on “The Risen Christ,” Hymn #257) (1919-2009)*

*(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**

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC**

“Immortal Invisible”

arr. Arnold B. Sherman  
Celestial Handbell Ensemble

**MEET AND GREET**

**PRAISE SONGS**

“Thrive”

“Open Up the Heavens”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Messy Church, Vanessa Celotto

**CHILDREN’S MUSIC**

“I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

Celestial Orff Ensemble

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“It Is Well”

**VIDEO SCRIPTURE**

“Empty: The Story”

John 20:19-31

**MESSAGE**

“Thomas is a Friend of Mine”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“The Way (New Horizon)”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!