

Music Notes:

“O Holy Night” along with “Angels We Have Heard on High” are the two best known French Christmas songs. Originally titled “Cantique de Noel, “O Holy Night” was written in 1847 by a little known part-time poet, Placide Cappeau. Cappeau presented his verse to the celebrated composer of French operas and professor of music at the Paris Conservatory, Adolphe Adam who wrote the music. Adam’s composition was first performed at the 1847 Christmas Eve midnight mass. Church authorities frowned on the song, and one French bishop denounced it for its “lack of musical taste and total absence of the spirit of religion.” A Boston Unitarian clergyman, John S. Dwight, made the English translation from the French. He published a periodical “Dwight’s Journal of Music from 1852-1881 and published the English version of the song in 1855—coincidentally the same year “Angels We Have Heard on High” was first published. Not related, but interestingly, Massachusetts and Delaware made Christmas legal in 1855.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, July 28:** Nancy Zareczny
- Monday, July 29:** Richard Cargil
- Tuesday, July 30:** Gwen Reefer
- Wednesday, July 31:** Carolyn Rickrode, Isabelle Doce
- Thursday, August 1:** Tom Zareczny, Nicole Cody, Olivia Wulf



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

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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Jessie Loy
- (11:00) Barbara Forsyth & Barbara Bozinski

USHERS:

- (8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
Ellen Stoup
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Jon & Vickie Mills
Dean Rabenstine

Ushers & Greeters



VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Children’s worship will be taking a break for the summer. Nursery is for children ages birth-5 years old, during the worship service. Children’s bulletins are available in the narthex.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn.

1st-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis & Sarah Flaherty.

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) will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

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

The Experiencing God Class will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

10:40 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study

WE WILL BE OFF THIS SUNDAY AND WILL RESUME AUGUST 4TH.

This Bible study meets at 10:40am 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
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Order for the Public Worship of God
July 28, 2019
7th Sunday after Pentecost
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.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound celebration. We come now this day to revisit the manger and offer the glory to God in the highest heavens! In Jesus' name. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"A Child Was Born in Bethlehem" Raymond H. Haan
Steve and Emily Cantin, Trumpets
(based on PUER NATUS, a 16th century German carol)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

*HYMN #113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Loving God, we have gathered to express once again our wonder and our joy at the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. You have sent him to bring healing and peace into our midst. Forgive us, then for those things both large and small in life that keep us from sharing in the grace of Christ. By your Spirit, help us to amend our lives and turn once again to Christ whose birth and reign we celebrate, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

GREATOREX

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.

SOLO

"O Holy Night" Adophe Adam
Michele White, Soloist

OUR MINISTRY WITH 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 "Who Is This Child?" Benjamin Harlan
Michele White, Soloist

***A CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY**

THE FIRST NOWELL

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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together)**

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of salvation that you have brought to us through Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection. We bring before you our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. May the celebration of Jesus' birth empower in us a renewed desire to share the gifts that we have been given, so that we may glorify you. We ask these things in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***A MEDLEY OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

(Sing first stanzas of each carol)

#143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE
#144 "In the Bleak Midwinter" CRANHAM
#145 "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES
#146 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
#147 "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14 NRSV *(page 833)*

SERMON

"Christmas in July"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMNS #119 *(stanzas 1,3)* "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN
#134 *(stanzas 1,2)* "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING "Peace to All That Have Goodwill" German Carol
(please be seated) Michele White, Soloist
*Peace to all that have goodwill! God, who heaven and earth doth fill,
Comes to turn us away from ill, and lies so still within the crib of Mary.
He came among us at Christmas time, at Christmas time, in Bethlehem;
Let us bring him from far and wide Love's diadem:
Jesus, Jesus, lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Theme and Rondo on NOËL NOUVELET" Michael Burkhardt

(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

PRAISE SONG

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"
"Our God" (O Come All Ye Faithful)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

"A Christmas Moment"

PRAISE SONG

"It's Christmas"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"He Has Come for Us"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

MESSAGE

"Christmas in July"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Joy to the World" (Unspeakable Joy)

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!