

**Hymn Notes:**

**“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (415)**

From what I can tell, this hymn appears for the first time in a Presbyterian hymnal. The stanzas are by Joseph Hart in his *Hymns Composed on Various Subjects*, 1759 originally titled “Come, and welcome, to Jesus Christ.” The London-born Hart struggled against God for years. When he attended church, he went to find fault. After he heard a sermon by John Wesley, he responded by writing a tract, “The Unreasonableness of Religion.” He was a language teacher by profession, but spiritually he was (in his own words) “a loose backslider, an audacious apostle, and a bold-faced rebel.” At age 45 he wandered into a Moravian chapel in London and heard words of hope. Three years later, he became a minister and began writing hymns. The anonymous refrain with reference to the parable of the prodigal son was found in Southern hymnbooks as early as 1811.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, August 11:** Norm Phillips, Ivan Becker
- Tuesday, August 13:** Madelyn McCutcheon
- Wednesday, August 14:** Shawn Davis, Mason Tighe
- Thursday, August 15:** Bob Clyne
- Friday, August 16:** Alice Russell, Beverly Field, Hannah Fish, Sandy Ingram, Susan Taylor
- Saturday, August 17:** Richard Naider, Dan Gipson



*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*



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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Jay Bassinger & Barbara Moler
- (11:00) Margie Gott & Polly Brown

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Fred McQuown & Rocky Davis  
David & Suzanne Hamilton
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Mike & Linda O’Leary  
Ken & Martha Tobiassen



**VAN DRIVER:** John Makal

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 & 11:00 AM**

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jane Winne and Amy Kemerer.

**1st-5th Grade, Room 8**

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

**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**

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!

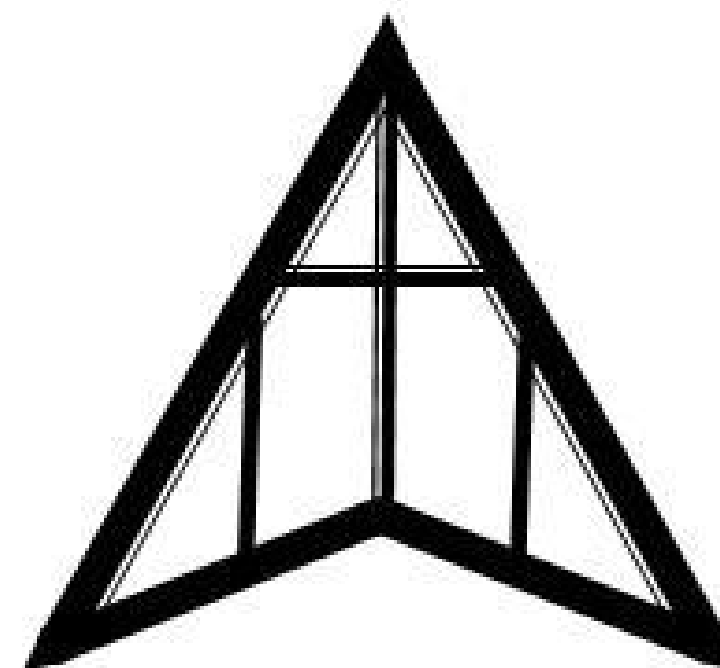
**NEW FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

A new Sunday School class called “The Defenders” will begin August 25th at Northwood. It will be taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. The class will focus on defending the Christian faith in a secular world, and will study the book “Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World” by Dr. Paul Gould. He will be teaching the class at both 9:30 and 11:00 in rooms 5 & 7. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencerbriggs@gmail.com.

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**August 11, 2019**



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**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**  
**August 11, 2019**  
**9th 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.)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**People: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**People: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of love.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** ðMorning Has Brokenö arr. Lloyd Larson  
Joyce Worley and Sarah Worley, Clarinets

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chris Curvin, Pastor

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #366** ðLove Divine, All Loves Excellingö HYFRYDOL

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Together)*

**We have tasted your goodness, O God, in Christ our Savior. In that name we come asking forgiveness. We confess that we are greedy. The daily bread you provide us is not enough, which we prove again and again as we indulge our appetites. Our egos need feeding as well; we crave recognition and ignore our neighbors. Show us once more that your love is always available to us in welcoming arms. Forgive us, through Christ, and help us to amend our ways. 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** ðHoly Spirit, Living Breath of Godö Getty/Townend  
Cindy Huffman, Soloist

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.  
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.  
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.*

*Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice.  
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.*

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**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.**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

ðLove Divine, All Loves Excellingö Michael Burkhardt

**\*DOXOLOGYö #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** *(Together)*

**O Christ, in whom the fullness of God wells, we offer ourselves to your service. Let our lives be blessed by your presence; let our gifts and skills enrich the lives of others. Receive what we bring as offerings to you. Make use of them and of us, as we seek to be your faithful ambassadors. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #415** ðCome, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needyö RESTORATION

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 15:1-2, 11-32 NRSV *(page 850)*

**SERMON** ðDoes God Play Favorites?ö  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #774** ðThere Is Now a New Creationö STUTTGART

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING** ðAn Irish Blessingö Traditional Irish melody  
*(please be seated)* Cindy Huffman, Soloist (8:15)  
Stephanie Carson, Soloist (11:00)

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** ðRestorationö Dale Wood  
from *Wood Works*, Vol. 2 (1934-2003)  
*(based on the tune of today's hymn #415)*

*(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 SONGS**

*"Lion and the Lamb"*

*"The Only Name" (Yours Will Be)*

**MEET AND GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**

*"Back to School: The Fanny Pack"*

**PRAISE SONG**

*"Thrive"*

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*"I Lift My Hands"*

**SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 15:1-2, 11-32*

**MESSAGE**

*"Does God Play Favorites?"*

*Chris Curvin, Pastor*

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

*"Grace Wins"*

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

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*that Ignite Action!*