

**Hymn Notes** “How Can I Keep from Singing” (821)

This song is frequently, through erroneously, cited as a traditional Quaker hymn. The music was composed by the Baptist minister Robert Lowry. He credited the text to “Pauline T.” Twentieth century Quakers adopted it as their own, however, and use it widely today. The words were first published in *The New York Observer* in 1868 and then the following year in *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*. Doris Plenn learned the original hymn from her grandmother who believed it to be from the Quakers. Plenn added the following verse around 1950 which was popularized by the folk singer Pete Seeger and others:

*When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing.  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them go winging;  
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?*

Seeger modified some of the Christian words of the original to reference activist causes he was promoting in the 1950’s and ‘60’s. The above verse called to mind the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Of course, our version we sing today is the work of Rev. Lowry. The text not only amplifies today’s scripture from Philippians but “no storm can shake my inmost calm” seems particularly timely.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, September 8:** Wally Ericson, Dot Brown  
**Tuesday, September 10:** Loring Daniel, Ashley Gordon,  
Tyler Jones, Mitchell Jones  
**Wednesday, September 11:** Doris Smith, Shirley Walker,  
Heather Stark, Brian Schultz  
**Thursday, September 12:** Judy Peterson, Dale Goodman,  
Logan Bullis  
**Friday, September 13:** John Richards, Linda Granata, Denise  
Cernansky, Grace McLarty  
**Saturday, September 14:** Betty Van Zyl, Allen Hurst



*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*



**Friends of Northwood**



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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

(8:15) Joanne & Ray Spigarelli  
(11:00) Winnie & Chuck Robbins

**USHERS:**

(8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister  
Earle Lusk & Barbara Moler  
(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger  
(11:00) Pete Towns, Sue Miskiewicz  
Nancy Johnson, Allen Hurst

Ushers & Greeters



**VAN DRIVER:** John Makal

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (19/20 School Year)  
Children 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–Kindergarten, Room 3**  
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

**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 will resume TODAY, September 8th. TCI is an adult class that 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. Today, Nancy Johnson will be speaking on health care costs; “*How did we get into this mess?*” Next week Eleanor will present “*What is Wrong with our Bail System and How Can We Fix It?*”

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15**, led by Vicki Krueger  
The Experiencing God Class will resume TODAY, September 8th. The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God’s word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus’ own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

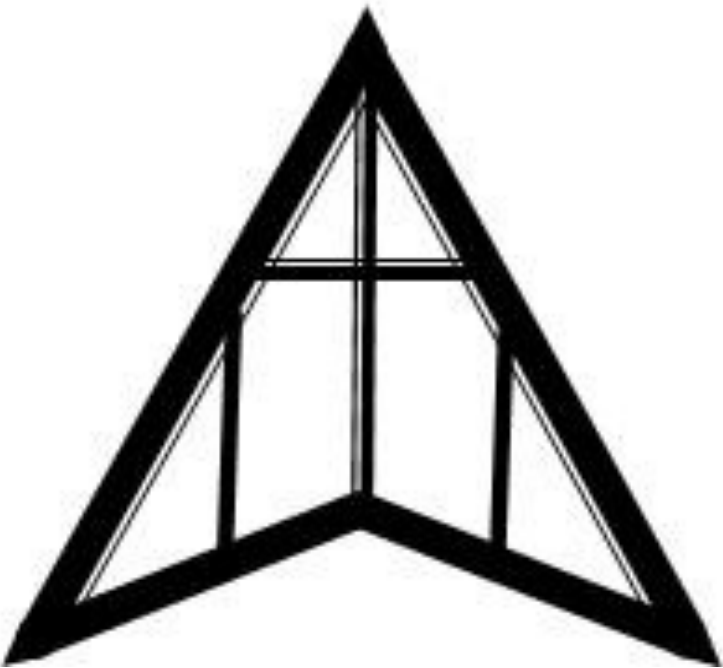
**11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study**  
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the Book of Hebrews, using the study guide: *Hebrews: Christ-Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest* by John MacArthur. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for 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!

**9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. “Defenders”**  
The “Defenders” meet in rooms 5 & 7 at both 9:30am & 11:00am. This class is taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. We will focus on defending the Christian faith in a secular world, studying the book “Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World” by Dr. Paul Gould. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

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**September 8, 2019**



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Order for the Public Worship of God  
September 8, 2019  
13th 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: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

**People: love is the fulfillment of the law.**

Leader: Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.

**People: The Lord will come to save us.**

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God’s word.

**People: They are like trees planted by the water.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR” Clay Christiansen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #10

“Sing Glory to the Name of God” LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
(stanzas 1,2,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day and offer the truth of our lives. The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely moments, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray 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.**

ANTHEM

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Hal H. Hopson  
Pam & Heather Wood, Handbells

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been  
Granted in what he ordaineth.*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the almighty can do,  
If with his love he befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him.  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him. Amen.*

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

“Whatever God Ordains Is Right” David Cherwien

\*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 (Together)

**God of Grace and Abundance, cause us to rejoice in you always, make us gentle to everyone, keep us from being anxious about anything—help us to ask you for what we need, with thanksgiving. With grateful hearts we joyfully honor you with our tithes and offerings. Bless these gifts that they may bring your peace to guard the hearts and minds of others, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*HYMN #650

“O Beauty Ever Ancient” ANCIENT BEAUTY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:8-13 NRSV (page 955)

SERMON

“Do You Need an Attitude Adjustment?”  
*Verse 8b... ”think about these things ”*  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #821

“My Life Flows On” HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING

“May the Lord Bless You and Keep You” Lloyd Larson  
(please be seated) Heather Wood, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Built on a Rock” David Cherwien

(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

“This Is Amazing Grace”

“Open Up the Heavens”

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

“The River”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“The Dot”

PRAISE SONG

“Stand Up”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What a Beautiful Name”

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:8-13

MESSAGE

“Do You Need an Attitude Adjustment?”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Eye of the Storm”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!