

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (275)**

On October 31, 1517, an Augustinian monk nailed his famous ninety-five theses to the Wittenburg church door. The effect was far more than a basis for debate, which was Martin Luther’s intent. Four years later, he broke from the Roman church to lead the German reform movement.

Besides being a pastor, teacher, writer, translator, theologian and reformer, Luther was also a composer and an accomplished musician. He believed that music was the “living voice of the Gospel” and that “next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praises.”

Today we will hear two organ arrangements and sing his most famous hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” This “battle hymn of the Reformation” is based on portions of Psalm 46, scripture being the inspiration for a number of Luther hymns. The final stanza is Luther’s vow—and ours—to cling to God’s Word and Truth in spite of the stresses of this life.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, October 25:** David Daniel, Larry Taylor, Jordan Mattheus



**Monday, October 26:** Marge Vander Slik, Sue GaVette, Jody Mattheus, Doug Caccamise

**Tuesday, October 27:** Brianna Preston, Caitlyn Preston

**Wednesday, October 28:** Glenna Stevens

**Thursday, October 29:** James Baker, Carol Kirkwood, Roger Ulrich

**Friday, October 30:** Don Drummond, Jessica Jones

**Saturday, October 31:** Elizabeth Curkan, Jessica Robicheau

*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**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)

Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.*

**Galatians 5:22-23**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Wednesday Bible Study**, led by Cindy Huffman

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at [lucindyl@aol.com](mailto:lucindyl@aol.com) and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

**Experiencing God Class**, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at [vickilee33@aol.com](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) and she will send you the meeting details each week.

**Fresh Brewed**

Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is November 6th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Citylight Schedule  
10/25 - 11/1**

- ★ **SUNDAY 10/25**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 10/27**  
7:30 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM  
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 10/28**  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY OUTSIDE OF THE YOUTH ROOM  
ALSO AVAILABLE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM
- ★ **FRIDAY 10/30**  
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM MOVIE NIGHT AT THE BONFIGLIO’S, SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS
- ★ **SUNDAY 11/1**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

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<https://mailchi.mp/e99c55055ffc/citylightupdate10182020>

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**October 25, 2020**

**2021 Stewardship**



**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 Worship of God  
October 25, 2020  
21st Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: All that we are is a gift from God.

**People: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,**

Leader: all that we have is a gift from God.

**People: The world, and those who live in it;**

Leader: There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

**People: Let us rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Jan Bender  
(1909-1994)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.

Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.

His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he.

Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,

and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him.

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure.

One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.

Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.

The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still.

His kingdom is forever.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Merciful God, we can hardly imagine not longing to be wealthy or wealthier. We always fear we don't have enough or that we aren't enough. We don't trust you to provide what we need. Loving God, you have been faithful. Strengthen our trust in your good gifts to us. You know our needs. Help us be satisfied when our needs are met and help us to give freely and whole heartedly to spread your good news. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

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

"By Faith"

arr. Lloyd Larson

*(Chancel Choir and Westminster Youth Choir, recorded on March 3, 2019)*

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

HYMN #318

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ST. PETER

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord close binding human kind.**

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

**In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)  
Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSV)

SERMON

2021 Stewardship Series: Partners Spreading Good News  
Sermon #1 "Faithfulness"  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN

"O Church of God, United"

ELLACOMBE

*(stanzas 1,4)*

**O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.  
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.**

**May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,  
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Michael Helman

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**

"Open Up the Heavens"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

"Believer"

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"God So Loved"

**SCRIPTURES**

Philippians 1:3-6

Galatians 5:22-23

**MESSAGE**

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Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"Way Maker"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*