

MUSIC NOTES:

Many churches celebrate Reformation Day on October 31st or Reformation Sunday (today) to commemorate the day on which Martin Luther (1483-1546) nailed his 95 Theses to a church door at Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. If you do the math, you see that this year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the start of some significant changes in worship and theology. We owe a great debt to Luther and the other reformers. They stood for the purity of the gospel against church and state armed only with the Word of God. Congregational singing became very important and Luther has been forever linked with his "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott." "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" became the "battle hymn of the Reformation" and is based on parts of Psalm 46. Luther authored both the words and the music in 1529. The harmonization we sing is by Johann Sebastian Bach who used the tune in his Cantata 80. Other composers have used it as well. Mendelssohn in the *Reformation Symphony* (1830), Wagner in "Kaisermarsch" (1871), and Meyerbeer in the opera *Les Huguenots* (1836).

The organ piece at the offering today is by Samuel Scheidt who lived about 100 years after Martin Luther. Luther wrote the melody and words to "Out of the Depths." (Hymn #424). Scheidt was the first internationally significant German composer for the organ, and represents the flowering of the new north German style, which occurred largely as a result of the Protestant Reformation.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



June Arnold

*In Loving Memory of my parents,
Herb and Mabel Williams*



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2017 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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, Oct. 29: James Baker, Carol Kirkwood, Roger Ulrich
Monday, Oct. 30: Don Drummond, Jason Cornillaud, Jessica Jones
Tuesday, Oct. 31: Elizabeth Curkan, Jessica Robicheau
Wednesday, Nov. 1: Faith Allen, Graham Pacana
Thursday, Nov. 2: Art Callan, Lucille McIntosh, Ed Bunch
Saturday, Nov. 4: Dave Pelham, Randy Gibson Jr., Emma Youngblood



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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE:

(11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:

(8:15) Loisanne Bilka, Carol Rathmell

(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen

USHERS:

(8:15) Dennis & Betty O'Shea

Howard Green, Gene Baker

(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger

(11:00) Polly Brown, Eleanor Cicerchi

Pete Towns, Marti Huff

Ushers & Greeters



VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 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- Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Justine Ruisz & Sydney Blackmore.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Alice & Charles Ellis.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Claudia Alwood & Jean Swintek.

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Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School Sunday school will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service for the first 20 minutes, then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

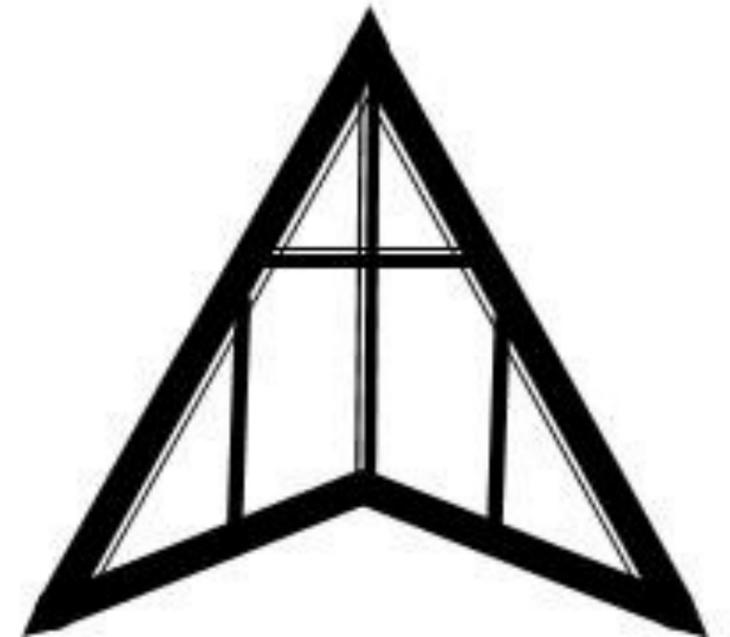
9:30 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class— TCI Class will meet today in rooms 9&11. The class will discuss the impact that Martin Luther had on the Christian Church over the last 500 years. It is hard to imagine what might have taken place without Martin Luther. Join us for discussion, coffee and cookies.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

October 29, 2017



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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 Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
 Stephanie Carson, Music Director
 Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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Order for the Public Worship of God
October 29, 2017
21st Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Leader: God says: I will make a new covenant, writing my law in your heart.

People: Though the earth changes and the waters roar, God is our refuge.

Leader: We are justified by the gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

People: Jesus says: You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Voluntary on DUKE STREET” arr. Mark Albrecht

(based on the hymn at #265)

Justin Sokolowski and Palmer Wilhelm, Trumpets

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Lou Weislogel, Treasurer

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #275**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN FESTE BURG

(organ introduction by Rebecca K. Owens)

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

If love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we hostile? If love is not jealous or boastful, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus you have shown love which forgives imperfection; only in him can we forsake childish ways. Forgive our lack of love, and have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name, Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God of words and Word Incarnate, words that challenge and embrace,

Grant us boldness in our speaking, while we know Your loving grace.

Give us words both clear and winsome, loving hearts and listening ears,

Celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

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ANTHEM

“The Church's One Foundation”

arr. Jay Althouse

Justin Sokolowski and Palmer Wilhelm, Trumpet; Eric Kemerer, Trombone

*The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation by water and the word.*

From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride.

With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

*Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.*

One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food;

And to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

*Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,
Andy mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.*

*O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.*

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She is His new creation by water and the word.*

*From heaven he came and sought her to be His holy bride.
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 5th Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or see back panel for classroom information.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Out of the Depths Have I Cried Unto Thee”

Samuel Scheidt

(based on Luther's hymn at #424)

(1587-1654)

***A 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 “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”** BEACH SPRING

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,

who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:

we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,

consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

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WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45 *(page 823)*

SERMON

Stewardship Series:

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Sharing God's Vision #2 “Service”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #297**

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

ST. DENIO

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING *(please remain seated)*

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

Cindy Huffman, Soloist

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “A Mighty Fortress”

Stephen L. Aber

(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

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

“My Savior Lives”

MEET & GREET

“Your Love Defends Me”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stewardship

“In Christ Alone”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children's Sunday School, please see Children's Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What a Beautiful Name”

VIDEO- “iServe”

SCRIPTURE

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MESSAGE

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GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU