

Hymn Notes:

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (611)

The text, written by Henry Van Dyke in 1907, was inspired by the beauty of the Berkshire Mountains. It was written to be sung to Beethoven’s tune from his Ninth Symphony (1824). First published as a hymntune in 1864, the syncopation was retained at the beginning of the fourth line. Over the years, hymnal editors smoothed out the rhythm until *The United Methodist Hymnal, 1989* restored the original rhythm. That influenced most subsequent denominational hymnals to follow, including the 1990 Presbyterian hymnal. The more interesting rhythm has been retained in our *Glory to God* hymnal.

This nearly 30-year old quote from Carlton Young, the editor of the 1989 *United Methodist Hymnal*, pulls no punches about his feelings regarding using the original rhythm:

Its (Hymn to Joy) use as a hymntune has not been without some complaining—most concerning why Beethoven’s syncopation at the beginning of the fourth line is flattened out. Its restoration in our hymnal (UMH) has spawned complaints from those for whom congregational song is devoid of surprises—and resurrection!

So, let’s sing it with a sense of wonder and surprise—like resurrection!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, October 14:** Bunny Bitner
- Monday, October 15:** Bill Bilka, Sarah Jahosky, Carey Stevens, Phillip Mackie, Warrick Williamson
- Tuesday, October 16:** Steve Cantin, Lorelei Robicheau
- Wednesday, October 17:** Jack Mattheus, Trish Robicheau, Lucas Johnston, Adam Booth, Gwendolyn Gordon, Livi Scalera
- Thursday, October 18:** Caysen Patel
- Friday, October 19:** Peggy Brown, CJ Nigels



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



Elaine Cornillaud

In Loving Memory of my Dear Husband Larry



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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Barbara Moler & Mary Duffey
- (11:00) Sharon Card & Ed Puschmann

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

- (8:15) Rocky Davis & Mary Duffey
Gene Baker & Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
Eleanor Cicerchi & Nancy Johnson

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

Welcome!

WE WELCOME our guest musician this morning, Bryan Browning. Bryan is the Director of Music at Moore Haven Middle-High School where he oversees the marching band, choir and musical productions. He is the technology coordinator and worship leader at First United Methodist Church of Moore Haven, FL. Bryan is active in the Fellowship Workshop and a friend of all of us who attend that each summer. He will be getting married on November 10th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 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-1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Jessica Jones & Justine Ruisz.

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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are **NOT** 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. Sunday school will resume October 28th.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
This week the class will discuss the topic “Exercising Religion”. The discussion will approach the topic from the individual and denominational perspective as well as the secular and theological perspective, all set against the backdrop of “Today’s Christian Issues”. As always, we will have coffee and cookies to enjoy!

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger,
Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

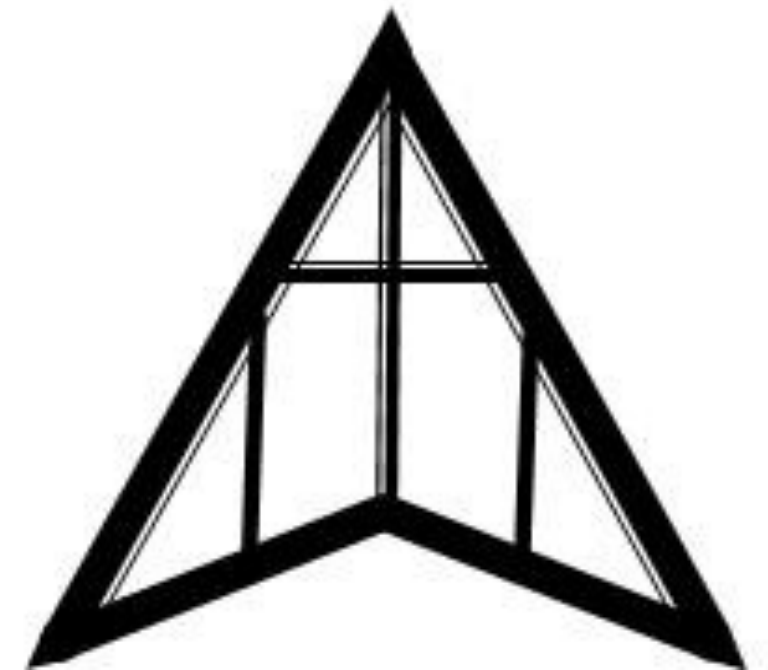
11:00 A.M. “Journey Through” Room 4, led by Vanessa Celotto.
Journey Through will NOT meet this Sunday. The class will resume Oct. 28th.

6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study
This Bible study meets at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

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*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

October 14, 2018



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Order for the Public Worship of God
October 14, 2018
21st 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)* Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: We delight in God's ways.

People: We are like trees planted by streams of water.

Leader: We abide in God's mercy.

People: We are sheltered from the storm.

Leader: Filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: We are one in Christ Jesus.

All: Let all who draw breath worship the Lord. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"How Great Thou Art/Majesty" arr. Joel Raney

Celebration Ringers, Tom Huffman, Piano

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #401** "Here in This Place" GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Listening God, we cry out in times of need, for hope in times of despair, for faith in times of doubt, for comfort in times of grief, for grace in times of sin. Answer our cries. Be our refuge and our help. Restore our broken lives, revive our hope. Return us to the path of discipleship, where we may walk anew in confidence and joy. In the name of Christ, our Rock and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *(based on the hymn #708)* SCHUMANN

We give Thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

In thanks we do respond to do what God commands.
With Saints we have the privilege to be the Savior's hands.

ANTHEM "The Mighty Power of God" Mark Hayes

*I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise.
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the loft skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command and all the stars obey.
Their luminous display reflects the pow'r of God.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye;*

*If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
From seas to mountains high the earth cannot contain the goodness of God.*

*The heavens are telling the glory of God! The heavens are telling the story,
The whole earth is filled with His glory, the heavens are telling the glory of God!*

*There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Your glories known.
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne.
While all that borrows life from You is ever in your care,
And everywhere that we can be, O God, You're present there;
We joyously declare the power of Your love, Your powerful love!*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE 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

"I Will Not Forget You" Ben and Robin Pasley
Bryan Browning, Soloist

***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 #716** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 8:11-18 NRSV *(page 145)*
2 Corinthians 8:1-12 NRSV *(page 941)*

SERMON **Stewardship Series** Chris Curvin, Pastor
A Generous Undertaking #1: "We Want You to Excel"
"...we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking." 2 Corinthians 8:7b

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #611** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING "Let There Be Blessing" Jillian Bray
(please be seated) Rachelle Cox, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Allegro" G.F. Handel

(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.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

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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

"How Great Thou Art/Majesty"

arr. Joel Raney

Celebration Ringers, Tom Huffman Piano

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Open Up the Heavens"

"Lion and the Lamb"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Clap Happy Psalm"

"Cherub & Angel Choirs (age 3-5th grade)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

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SCRIPTURES

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MESSAGE

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SONG OF DEDICATION

"Live Like That"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!