Hymn Notes:

"Take, O Take Me as I Am" (698)

This is one of the best-known and often-used songs from the Iona Community in Scotland and has found its way into numerous hymnals. This brief song appears in the "Leaving" section of *Come All You People: Shorter Songs for Worship* by the Scottish hymnwriter and pastor John L. Bell (b. 1949). He describes it as "a quiet song of dedication" that "may be used as people walk forward...during an act of commitment." This is how we will use it today and have sung it in the past on Ash Wednesday as we came forward. The song alludes to Song of Solomon 8:6, "set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave." The Iona Community is an ancient Christian community on the small island of Iona in the Inner Hebrides Islands of western Scotland. It was founded by St. Columba, a monk from Ireland and missionary to Scotland in 563 A.D. Today, the Iona Community is a place of pilgrimage from all over the world and is a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, November 11: Tom Huffman Monday, November 12: Lindsey Scalera

Tuesday, November 13: Don Hamilton, Michael Fisher Wednesday, November 14: Annie Thompson, Glenda Golec

Thursday, November 15: Claudia Alwood

Friday, November 16: Dan Hyden, Cheryl Isler

Saturday, November 17: Mary Torrisi, Beth Linville, Don Booth

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



Jean Swintek In Honor of My Daughter, Nina



Ushers & Greeters

Lou Weislogel In Memory of Gail Weislogel

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2018 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(8:15) Jay Basinger & Earle Lusk(11:00) Cindy Whiteside & Polly Brown

USHERS:

(9:30)

(8:15) Dick & Connie Evans

VAN DRIVER: John Makal

(11:00) Roger Snay & Sue Miskiewicz

Bailey Shields & Pete Towns

Dennis & Betty O'Shea
Curtis & Vicki Krueger

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 & Jane Winne.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Justine Davis & Jessica Jones.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers will <u>not</u> be meeting for Sunday School this week. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back row of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

This Sunday, on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day/Veterans Day, the TCI class will meet in Rooms 9 and 11 to discuss "God's People and Caesar's Legions", the third in the series, "What God's? What's Caesar's?". The discussion will center around selections from Romans 13, I Peter 2, and the Westminster Confession of Faith. Coffee and cookies are always available.

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.

The *Journey Through* class will not be meeting this week. Class will resume on November 18th and we'll be studying Exodus 15:22-17:7.

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!

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church Organized February 19, 1978

November 11, 2018



Dedication Sunday

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 November 11, 2018 25th 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: Choose this day whom you will serve.

People: We will serve and obey the Lord our God.

Leader: The Lord watched over the strangers; People: God upholds those who are in need. Leader: Stand firm and hold fast to your faith. People: God will strengthen us in word and deed.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Lebentanz: MIT FREUDEN ZART" Franklin Ashdown

(Praise Dance: 'with gentle joy')

(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 #361

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You offer us the gift of salvation, but we spend our lives in vain pursuits. You provide enough for all to share, but we store up treasures for ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek the way of heaven and to let go of earthly desires so that we might have abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God of music, psalms and anthems, help us sing our faith anew:

Melodies expanding worship, harmonies enriching too.

May our lives by hymns in action, tuned to Christ in note and rhyme,

Celebrating past and present, consecrating future time.

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ANTHEM

"Christus Paradox"

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

(the text appears at hymn #274)

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages $3yrs - 2^{nd}$ 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

"Now We Join in Celebration"

David Cherwien

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing. Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;

Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

--Samuel Francis Smith, 1831

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

AMERICA

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 16 NRSV(page 430) 1 Timothy 6: 13-19 NRSV(page 966)

STEWARDSHIP SERIES: A Generous Undertaking!

Sermon #4: "Really Living"

"They are to do good, to be rich in works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life." (1 Timothy 6: 18-19)

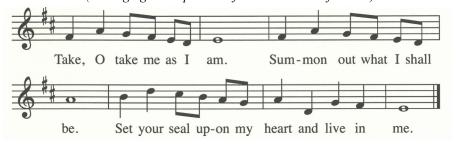
Chris Curvin, Pastor

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND PLEDGES FOR 2019

(Members and guests are invited to come forward in an act of rededication and to touch the baptismal font. During this time pledge cards may be placed in the basket near the font.)

DEDICATION SONG "Take, O Take Me as I Am" TAKE ME AS I AM Cindy Huffman, Soloist

(all singing this repeated refrain as we come forward)



WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING

"A Clare Benediction"

John Rutter

Cindy Huffman, Soloist (please be seated)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Jason D. Payne

(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.



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 Feet Are on the Rock"

MEET AND GREET

"So Will I"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"So Will I"

VIDEO

"Veterans Day Tribute"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER **CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY**

"You Say"

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 16

1 Timothy 6:13-19

MESSAGE

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STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King" (Members and guests are invited to come forward in an act of rededication and to touch the baptismal font. During this time pledge cards may be placed in the basket near the font.)

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Lift My Life Up"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU