

Hymn Notes:

“O Beauty Ever Ancient” (650)

This text begins with an echo of a famous reflection from Augustine’s *Confessions*: “Too late I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient and ever new! And, behold, you were within me, and I out of myself, and there I searched for you.” This hymn written in 2000 is not a lament but a celebration of an awareness of beauty that draws on a recurring phrase in Hebrew Scripture, “the beauty of holiness.” The author, Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931) is a native New Zealander who grew up Methodist and married a Presbyterian minister. Ten of her hymns appear in our *Glory to God* hymnal. Shirley’s task, as she sees it, has been to write hymns that reflect everyday experience, locally, nationally and globally. “I appreciate and relate to precise and clean language,” she writes, “as opposed to flowery and fudgy. I am, in knitting parlance, a plain rather than purl sort of writer. I like language that gives a jolt of reality.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Tuesday, November 20:** Betty O’Shea
- Wednesday, November 21:** Don MacLennan, Muriel Antonakes
- Thursday, November 22:** Jane Winne, Tracey Birch,
Josh Luther, Shayna Davis
- Friday, November 23:** Chris Means
- Saturday, November 24:** Pete Towns, Marian Hill, Steven Foemmel,
Jana Davis, Caitlyn Turner



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

Melissa Skaff-Schultz

In Memory of My Parents Mitchel & Lucille Skaff



**Hewlett, Till, & Hammell Families
In Memory of Jan Hewlett’s 98th Birthday**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2018-2019 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:

- (8:15) Dick & Connie Evans
Dennis & Betty O’Shea
- (9:30) Marie Ziegler & Kim Peterson
- (11:00) Roger Snay & Sue Miskiewicz
Bailey Shields & Pete Towns

Ushers & Greeters



VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

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 Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.
2nd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Cassondra Fredrikson & Jean Swintek.

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**11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High School youth (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 11:00am for Sunday School where parents are welcome to join in as we learn some fun trivia about the Exodus.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

What are they up to now? Members of Northwood’s Youth Group will share what they’ve been doing, particularly in their outreach ministries. Learn how these amazing young folks are impacting our community and how we can help. Join the discussion while enjoying coffee and cookies.

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”, led by Vanessa Celotto.

The *Journey Through* class this week will be meeting in the City (the youth room) with the youth to participate in some fun trivia about the Exodus.

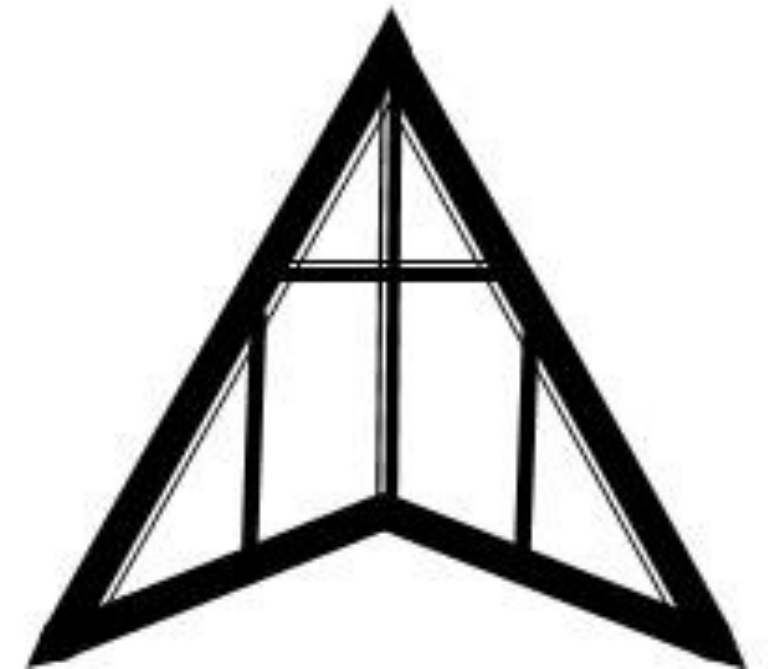
6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study

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
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*A Stephen Ministry Church
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November 18, 2018



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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 18, 2018
26th 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: The Lord is the gracious Giver of every good gift.

People: The Lord is the generous Author of every blessing we receive.

Leader: Hold fast to your hope without wavering,

People: for God who has promised is faithful.

Leader: Surely God is our salvation;

People: trust in the Lord and do not be afraid.

All: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

(8:15) “Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Emma Lou Diemer

(11:00) “God Is in My Voice” Christopher Hogan

(Cherub and Angel Choirs)

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION, HEP and Beth-El Angel Tree Outreach
Keith Nadig, Mission Team Chair

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #643** “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Dear Lord, you have been faithful in meeting our daily needs. In your grace, you have blessed us in so many wonderful and surprising ways. Sadly, we fall into the trap of comparing ourselves and what we have with other people and the lifestyles they live. And in so doing, we oftentimes live with a sense of restlessness and discontent, always wanting more and more. Joy and thankfulness are swallowed up in the demanding expectation of entitlement. Forgive us dear Lord. By your grace, may we truly find the abundant life that is found in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 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 “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” arr. Healey Willan

*Sing to the Lord of harvest. Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise!
By Him, the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.*

*By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.*

*Heap on His sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall.
And with your lives adore Him, who gave His life for all.*

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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

“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Jeffrey Honoré

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #650** “O Beauty Ever Ancient” ANCIENT BEAUTY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:10-13 NRSV *(page 955)*

SERMON: “The Secret Sauce to Living Life Filled with Joy and Gratitude”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN** “God, Your Blessings Overflow!” DIX

God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?
How can we begin to show, all our gratitude this day?
God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.

Thank you for the life you give, for each friend and family,
For the land in which we live, for your love that sets us free.
Thank you, God, for daily bread, and for feasts of joy you spread.

Yet at tables where we share, sometimes there is also pain.
There may be an empty chair: when will we feel whole again?
When our days of grief are long, thank you that your love is strong.

So we join in thanks this day, so your gifts we freely share,
So we follow Christ the Way, loving, serving everywhere.
Spirit, may our lives express, all our daily thankfulness.

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***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING “Peace Be with You” Hal H. Hopson
(please be seated) Sarah Flaherty and David Hamilton, Jr.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

(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

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

“Soul On Fire”

“The River”

MEET AND GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

HEP & Beth-El Angel Tree Outreach
Keith Nadig, Mission Team Chair

“God Is In My Voice”

Cherub and Angel Choirs (age 3-5th grade)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“It Is Well”

VIDEO

“Attention to Thankfulness”

The Skit Guys

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:10-13

MESSAGE

“The Secret Sauce to Living Life Filled with
Joy and Gratitude”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Lion and the Lamb”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU