

Hymn Notes:
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (367)
This is one of those hymns that have been appropriated for a season not intended by its author. Just as we’ve discovered that “Joy to the World” is not about Christmas but is a paraphrase of Psalm 98, the title of this hymn suggests Thanksgiving--but this harvest time is really about the final judgment when the good grain will be garnered and the tares thrown into the fire as described in Matthew 13-36-43. In today’s scripture, Jesus invites the disciples to pray for laborers to bring in the bountiful harvest, pointing out that there are not enough reapers for the harvest. The hymn was written in 1844 by Henry Alford--a well-respected and distinguished clergyman who became Dean of Canterbury Cathedral at the age of 47 where he remained until his death. The hymn originally contained seven stanzas, but only four have remained in common usage. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent when the subject of the appointed lectionary Gospel reading for all three years is the judgment and second coming of Christ. So by singing this today we celebrate both Thanksgiving and Advent.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, November 24: Pete Towns, Marian Hill, Steven Foemmel, Jana Davis, Caitlyn Turner


Tuesday, November 26: Eric Curkan, Eric Briggs

Wednesday, November 27: Bree Greff

Thursday, November 28: Polly Hamilton, Fred Archerd, Linda Diamond


Friday, November 29: Will Curvin, Max Gipson

Saturday, November 30: Carol Anderson, Kelly Tighe




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 Schultz



In Memory of My Parents, Lucille & Mitchel Skaff

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “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) Jesse Loy & Betty O’Shea

(11:00) Barbara Forsyth & Barbara Bozinski

USHERS:

(8:15) Earle Lusk & Ellen Stoup

(8:15) Dennis & Betty O’Shea

(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin

(11:00) Bailey Shields & Roger Snay

Ed Puschmann & Dean Rabenstine

VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig

Ushers & Greeters



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)
Children 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 Dan Gipson.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis & Jane Winne.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be studying our series, Amplify.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI is an adult class to explore how our faith informs our daily life. Individuals age 19 to 90 are welcome to come and study with us. This week, Garry Justice will begin a series examining the Ten Commandments, looking this week at "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy". Next week, Jack Alwood will share a book review of *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving.

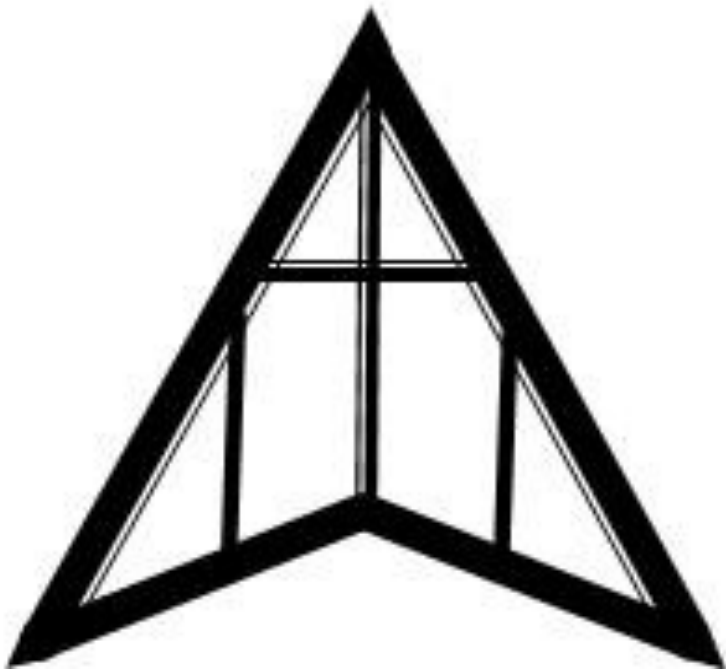
11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies*— *Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah* by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

10:45A.M. “Defenders”
The “Defenders” meets in rooms 5 & 7 at 10:45am. This class is taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. Today’s class is the third session of a 6-week study *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright. A schedule of assigned readings and accompanying reflective questions as well as discussion questions are available on the Christian Education bulletin board located across from the kitchen. It is important that you have the book, *Surprised by Hope*, which can be purchased through Amazon. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

November 24, 2019



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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

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

“I Can Do All Things” by Mark Burrows
Angel Choir (2nd-5th grade)

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“The Only Name” (Yours Will Be)
“Nothing Ever Could Separate Us”
“Forever”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

(9:30) Sara (James) Killian (Emma, 2) & (Liam, 5)
(9:30) Ginny Johnson
(11:00) Jim & Marge Vander Slik

VIDEO

“Letters of Thanks”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY

“Jesus Loves Me”

SCRIPTURES

Luke 17:11-19
Colossians 3:15-17

MESSAGE

“What Does It Take to be Thankful?”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Stand Up”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!

Order for the Public Worship of God
November 24, 2019
Christ the King Sunday
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE COME TO WORSHIP

(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: In God’s providence we live and work and join in families.

People: By God’s hands we receive those things we need.

Leader: We thank you God for the harvest of goodness you supply.

People: For food and shelter, for all our friendships.

Leader: Above all, we praise you for your Son, who shows us mercy.

People: Glory to God for God’s great kindness to us.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Now Thank We All Our God” Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(9:30) Ginny Johnson
(9:30) Sara (James) Killian (Emma, 2 & Liam, 5)
(11:00) Jim & Marge Vander Slik

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM (11:00) “I Can Do All things” Mark Burrows
Angel Choir (2nd-5th grade)

*HYMN #367 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. James A. Vander Slik (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God, in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our negative attitudes. In your mercy, help us take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GREATOREX

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

“With Heart and Hands”

John Rutter

For all the blessings you have granted us, Lord, give us thankful hearts, we pray:
For life and health and happiness, and for the gift of each new day;
For all our families and loved ones, the friends we meet along our way,
We thank you, Lord, they are your gifts: Lord we praise you,
Lord we bless you, in your service let us all your love repay.
Look all around you: You’ll see a miracle or two;

Every valley, hill and mountain is calling to you.
For all the wonders of creation, a world whose marvels we behold:
Where winter turns to spring again; the changing scenes of life unfold,
But there is one who never changes: through all eternity the same:

Be with us Lord, for evermore: Alleluia, Lord, we praise your Holy name.

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things have done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother’s arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. Amen.

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 “The Gift to be Simple” Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

*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 #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 17:11-19 NRSV (page 852)
Colossians 3:15-17 NRSV (page 958)

SERMON

“What Does It Take to be Thankful?”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM (8:15)
“God Is Always There” Toni Sullivan
Cherub (age 3-1st grade) & Angel 2nd-5th grade) Choirs

*HYMN #37 (11:00) “Let All Things Now Living” ASH GROVE

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Sebastian Temple
(please be seated) Michele White, Soloist
(see the text at hymn #753)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude on ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR” Jason 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.)

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director