

MUSIC NOTES:

I have shared this story with you before about the Chicago Presbyterian layman, Horatio G. Spafford, author of "It Is Well with My Soul." Spafford was a successful lawyer who some months prior to the Chicago fire of 1871 had invested heavily in real estate on the shore of Lake Michigan and his holdings were wiped out by this disaster. Just before, he had experienced the death of his son. Desiring a rest, he planned a European trip and sent his wife and four daughters on the ship *Ville du Havre* and intended to join them in a few days. The ship was struck by an English vessel and sank in 12 minutes. Mrs. Spafford survived and arrived in Wales. She cabled her husband, "Saved alone." As Spafford crossed the Atlantic to join her it was thought he penned the text of this hymn near the area where his daughters had drowned. What an amazing example for us of perseverance and faith that he was able to write with conviction, "When sorrows like sea billows roll...it is well with my soul."

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



*The Peterson Family
In Memory of
John I. Parsons,
Beloved Father & Grandfather*



*Carol Curry
In Loving Memory of
Lucille McCormick, Mother*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2014 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, March 23rd:** Rich Spoenlein, Andy Strelcheck
- Monday, March 24th:** Mary Corrello, Fred Drew, Will Parker, Dallas Wood
- Tuesday, March 25th:** Jason McNeill, Grant Pelham
- Wednesday, March 26th:** Will Allen, Fran Newman, Marie Purcell, Evelyn Towns, Lisa Weitz
- Thursday, March 27th:** Laureen Meier, Paige Michaels
- Friday, March 28th:** Michelle Hanway, Jeanette Holloway
- Saturday, March 29th:** Tyler Atkinson



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

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Kayla Dabbs
- (11:00) Bryce Fulford

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Jackie Rice & Barbara Schlerf
- (11:00) Jackie Rice & Brooke Allison



USHERS:

- (8:15) Charlotte McQuown, Barbara Moler, Sandy Rasmussen, Sue Walker
- (9:30) Steve Kitenplon, Linda Howard
- (11:00) Sue Allen, Diane Lynn, Sue Miskiewicz, Carol Rathmell



Greeters & Ushers

VAN DRIVER: Joe Nelson

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Lyn Propst & Kelsey Propst

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil, Jeanne Stephen

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

3rd-5th Grades Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.
Teachers: Marcy & Amy Kemerer

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. 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 this process, please contact elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: We are on chapter 16 of John. The disciples slowly learn their roles once Jesus has left them. He promises that the "Spirit of Truth" will teach them and help them to understand who Jesus is. Their sadness of the missing Lord will turn to joy. Class starts at 9:45 but come early for coffee and cookies and a time to chat with fellow classmates. Bob Meier will lead our discussion.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: "I'm OK. You're OK." vs. "That's too far." Freedom vs. Regulation. Our Wishes vs. Society's expectations. Are society's expectations the same as God's expectations? Join us today as Garry Justice leads a discussion based upon parts of the 5th chapter of Paul's letter to the Galatians. Help us decide if a person can rise to the top in today's society by only following God's expectations for mankind.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: "Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

March 23, 2014



We are to **COME** to Christ and be active in worship and fellowship together...
We are to **GROW** spiritually as we commit our time, talents and finances to Him...
We are to **GO** out in mission and service in the name of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit...

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E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission



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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 23, 2014
3rd Sunday in Lent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence cell phones.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Kristin Campbell
“The Old Rugged Cross”
Melanie Cox and Dick Casper, Violin

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

8:15—Heather Villafranca
11:00—Charles & Jane Larsen; Murle Whitten

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service).

***HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”** NETTLETON

WE CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together) Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have nearly given up all hope when confronted by difficult circumstances beyond our control. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and save us from the wrath of judgment for we have been justified by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #551** LAND OF REST
“Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.”

ANTHEM “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Craig Courtney

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin—O the joy of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” it is well with my soul!
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

Justine Ruisz, Dir. Children’s Ministry
(Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

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 “Jesus Loves Me” arr. Joshua Evanovich
Melanie Cox, Violin

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 56) Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSV)

HYMN# 223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” HAMBURG
(Please Remain Seated.)

SCRIPTURE READING (page 917) Romans 5:1-5 (NRSV)

SERMON “Something to Brag About” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”** CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Maurice Greene
“Allemande” (1695-1755)

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

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.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONGS

“Step By Step/Forever We Will Sing”

“Because of Your Love”

“Your Grace Is Enough”

MEET & GREET

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“Look What You’ve Done”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“That’s Why I Pray”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 5:1-5 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“Something to Brag About”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Everlasting God”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!