

**MUSIC NOTES:** In the year 1719 one of the greatest hymn writer of all time, Isaac Watts published one of the greatest hymns of all time. "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" is a metrical version of the first five verses of Psalm 90. Popularized by the Methodist movement and John Wesley who made a number of alterations of the text, none more compelling than the opening word ("O God, Our Help..."). Adopted by most hymnal editors, it nonetheless was restored in our hymnal to the original. No one can seem to agree on the best way to make inclusive the original line in stanza 5 "bears all its sons away." The 1989 United Methodist Hymnal, "bears all who breathe away;" the 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal, "soon bears us all away;" the 2012 Glory to God, "bears all our years away."

An anthem today called "Raise Your Hands" was written (both words and music) by Heather Sorensen. Born in Illinois of Norwegian heritage she now lives in Dallas. If you read the text, it strongly hints that this could be a personal statement of the author's own faith journey. She said, "As I travel around the country, I often tell people that there's a little bit of blood and tears in each line; each phrase represents a very specific moment in my journey. While the title can be interpreted literally, the text goes much deeper than a physical 'raising' of the hands; it's more of a symbolic lifting of our hands and our hearts to God."

**Westminster Youth Choir Members:**

Gemma Briggs, Sarah Flaherty, Bryce Fulford, David Hamilton, Carissa Johnston, Mitchell Johnston, Lindsey Peterson, Jeremy Stephen, Heather Wood, Robert Wood

**Pierced (Youth Praise Band)**

Andrew Carlstedt, Drums; Carissa Johnston, Bass/Vocals; Mitchell Johnston, Keys/Vocals; Lindsey Peterson, Vocals; Heather Wood, Drums/Vocals; Robert Wood, Guitar/Vocals; Director: Mark Johnston

**H.I.M. Puppet Ministry**

Justine Ruisz, Kay Scheuermann, Nancy Stevens, Heather Wood, Pam Wood, Robert Wood

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

*Friends of Northwood*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2015 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, April 12th:** Barbara McCausland, Harry Merker, Christopher Schultz
  - Monday, April 13th:** Dee Bryant, Randy Gibson, Kasandra Mattson, Sandra Rasmussen
  - Tuesday, April 14th:** Donald Faulkner, Jr., Eileen Nelson, Pokey Smith
  - Wednesday, April 15th:** Bill Andrews, Joe Stevens
  - Thursday, April 16th:** Fred Schuler, Jeanne Smith
  - Friday, April 17th:** Ibelise Luther
  - Saturday, April 18th:** Linda Howard, David Johnson
- 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) Kylie Crossley

**GREETERS & USHERS:**

The Youth of Northwood will be greeting and ushering this morning as we celebrate Youth Sunday!

**VAN DRIVER:** Art Holloway

**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.

*Teacher: Justine Ruisz*

**9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3**

*Teachers: Kim Blackmore & Amy Kemerer*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Room 16**

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 16.

*Teachers: Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith*

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Teacher: Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck*

**11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds – 5<sup>th</sup> grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or remain in worship with their parents.

*Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens*

**Children Welcome to the Lord's Table**

*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 the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski ([jackieandjerry@verizon.net](mailto:jackieandjerry@verizon.net)), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).*

**Middle & High School Christian Education**

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

- 9:30 AM Youth Room
- 11:00 AM Youth Room

**9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15**

**TODAY:** Join us as we complete our study of Daniel. Led by Bob Meier.

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

**TODAY:** Our church has a long history of support for Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. Thornwell's Development Director for Florida, Dennis Reid, will give us an update on the miracles God is working through this ministry along with information about the new Building Families initiative. Coffee and cookies provided.

**11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

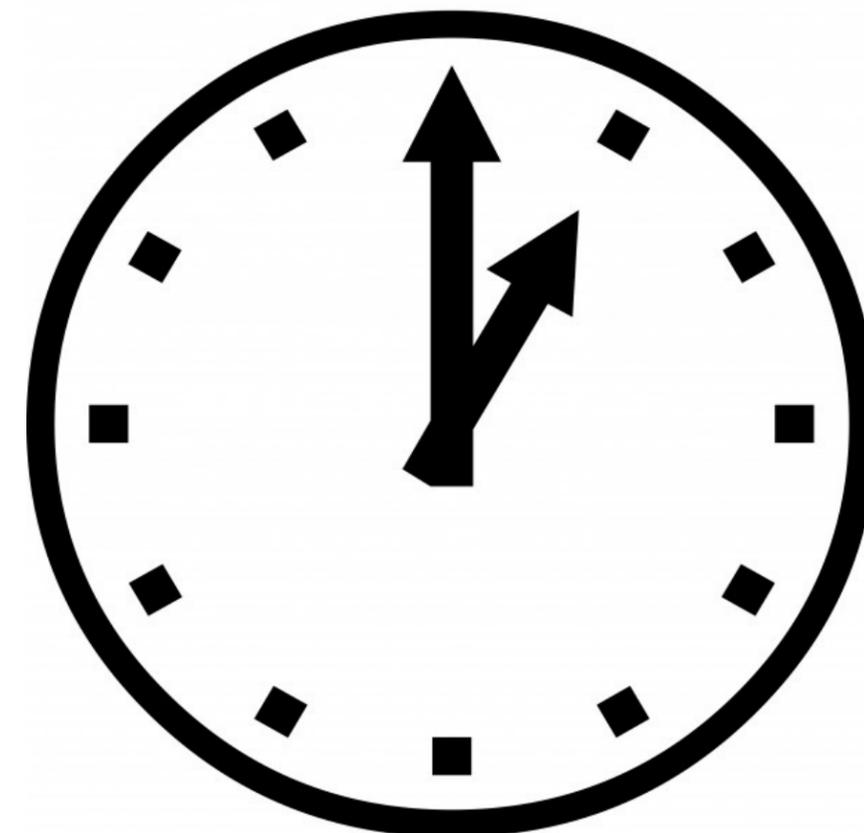
**EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15**

**TODAY:** We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God's love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

**April 12, 2015**



**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**April 12, 2015**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**WE GATHER**

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

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “A Jubilant Song” Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*Cantate Domino canticum novum. Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!  
Cantate Domino canticum novum omnis terra. Sing to the Lord all the earth!  
Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands! Let the hills sing together for joy!  
Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice, for the Lord is greatly to be praised!  
Proclaim God’s salvation! Declare God’s great glory!  
Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise!*

*(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 #37** “Let All Things Now Living” ASH GROVE

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Gracious and loving God. We confess our sins to you. We spend too much time being selfish; too much time being greedy; too much time being angry. You are a patient God, showing your love to us even when we don’t deserve it. When we let you down, you show mercy and build us back up. Your love reaches to the heavens, your love reaches to the sky. Who are we Lord that you are always concerned for our well-being? We are your children, your sheep; teach us to always follow you and your ways. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)**

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

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** “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” Hillsong United  
Pierced (Youth Praise Band)

*You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.  
And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.*

**Refrain:** So I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.

*When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine.*

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sov’ reign hand will be my guide.*

*Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You’ve never failed and You won’t start now.*

**Refrain**

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me.*

*Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander and my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior. Refrain*

**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** *(Children age 3 (by 9/14) 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** “Raise Your Hands” Heather Sorenson

*Raise your hands when you’re high upon the mountain, and you know that you’ve been blessed.  
Raise your hands when you start your day with nothing, and you end with even less.  
Raise your hands to the One who gives us ev’rything, yet He shines in emptiness.*

*Raise your hands when you’re off’ring up the sacrifice that you want to claim as yours.  
Raise your hands, reaching up to heaven, when your heart’s bowed to the floor.  
Raise your hands, trusting in the grace of God that has carried you before.*

*I will lift my hands to You, and bless Your name forever.  
I will lift my hands to You and bless Your holy name.*

*Raise your hands when your heart is full of worship, and your songs are filled with praise.  
Raise your hands when the battle ends in vict’ry, and God’s glory is ablaze.  
Raise your hands. Let the earth shout, “Hallelujah!” and the people shout, “Amen!”  
Raise your hands, and the hands that have been emptied, God will fill them once again.*

**\*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 477) Psalm 90:9-12 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN #450** “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE  
*(Please Stand.)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 952) Ephesians 5:15-20(NRSV)

**SERMON** Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults  
“What Time Is It?”

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #687** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE  
*(stanzas 1-6)*

**\*BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24-26

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Joyce Jones  
“Toccata on EASTER HYMN”

*(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.*

# ignite

*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**

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE SONGS**

“Believer”

“Fix My Eyes”

“We Won’t Be Shaken”

**MEET & GREET**

“Oceans”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP CONTINUES**

“Build Your House Upon the Rock”

H.I.M. Puppet Ministry

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

*(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)*

**CALL TO OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

“Raise Your Hands”

Heather Sorenson

Westminster Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 90:9-12, Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

“What Time Is It?”

Troy Harris

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Go”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*