

**HYMN NOTES:**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness (39) by Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)  
Thomas Chisholm certainly had his share of disappointments in life. Born in a crude log cabin in Kentucky, he never had a chance to attend high school or college although at age 16 he taught in the one room school he had attended. His health was fragile, forcing him to resign as a Methodist minister after only one year. He began writing, but received more than his share of rejection letters. Even when his poems were published, he seldom received any money for them. At the age of 57, he wrote the hymn we sing today based on Lamentations 3:22-23. The tune was composed by Chisholm’s friend who was also a Methodist minister, William M. Runyan, in 1923. The hymn’s great popularity is due in part to its frequent use in the Billy Graham Crusades.

*The Prayer of Confession today was inspired by Psalm 23 used with the permission of the author, Rev. Emily Schlaman Larsen, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC. From the website LiturgyLink. <http://www.liturgylink.net/>*

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



*The Lakey Family  
In Memory of  
Donald Lee Lakey*



*Babs Bailey  
In Memory of My Parents,  
Roy & Fran Bailey*

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, June 28th:** Gary Granata
- Monday, June 29th:** Michael Cromwell
- Tuesday, June 30th:** Alvin Bushnell, Jane Kaempfer
- Wednesday, July 1st:** Laura Gajentan, Carissa Johnston, Zoila Rose
- Thursday, July 2nd:** Aly Tobiassen
- Friday, July 3rd:** Pam Wood
- Saturday, July 4th:** Chloe Estavil, Emily Granata, Norm Roffey



*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**

- ACOLYTE:** Kathryn Birch
- GREETERS:** Barbara Henry & Nancy Johnson
- USHERS:**
  - (9:00) Bill & Louise Mylin
  - (10:30) Pete & Evelyn Towns, Carol Rathmell, Sue Miskiewicz
- VAN DRIVER:** Ed Puscmann



**SUMMER  
EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

**9:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year), Room 16**  
Join us in the multi-age Sunday School in Room 16 at 9:00 AM.  
*Teachers: Nancy Donnelly & Carissa Johnston*

**1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, Rooms 8 & 10**

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 rooms 8 & 10.  
*Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Tracey Birch*

**10:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade if needed.

**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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).*

**Middle & High School Christian Education**

There will be no Sunday School for Middle and High School throughout the summer! See you in the Fall at Rally Day!

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**CHEW ON THAT! Bi-Weekly Adult Christian Education  
TODAY: Remembrance**

What do we choose to remember and honor? Why? And, how? Begin by “chewing on” 1 Chronicles 16:8-12 and 1 Corinthians 11:23b-26. We will meet in rooms 9-11 from 9:45am for fellowship and 10:05am for our topical “chew”. We hope that both traditional and contemporary worshippers will try us out! *Remember to bring your favorite nibble to share. Our abundance will enhance the hallway fellowship between services.*

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church  
A Stephen Ministry Church**

**June 28, 2015**

**A BLESSING FOR  
PAUL MEANS’ SABBATICAL**

**One:** We wish God’s blessings upon our Associate Pastor, Paul Means, during his sabbatical time of renewal in the month of July.

**All:** As you depart on your journey, we ask God to guide you in your travels.

**One:** God’s peace be with you as you leave on this gift of extended time to study, refresh and renew your spirit as well as your call to ministry.

**All:** We will pray for you, asking that God bless you with the gift of spiritual growth in your journey.

Paul Means: God’s blessings on you while I am away. I thank God for my ministry with you over these 6 years and for the gift of this renewal time you’ve given to me. For the month of July I will be exploring the theme *Celebrating God in the Beauty, Majesty and Wildness of God’s Creation* which has continually nourished my faith and renewed my spirit. My prayer is that this sabbatical will not only be a blessing to me, but will also be a blessing for the congregation of Northwood.

**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  
June 28, 2015  
5th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service**

**WE GATHER**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** arr. Diane Bish  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
*(based on the opening hymn #39)*

*(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 #39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Inspired by Psalm 23)

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**All: But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.**

One: He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**All: But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener.  
The waters aren't always still.  
Our souls still thirst.**

One: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**All: O Lord, we long to be led by you,  
though we may complain along the path.**

One: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

**All: And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.  
May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew.**

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All: O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.  
Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.**

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

**All: Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.**

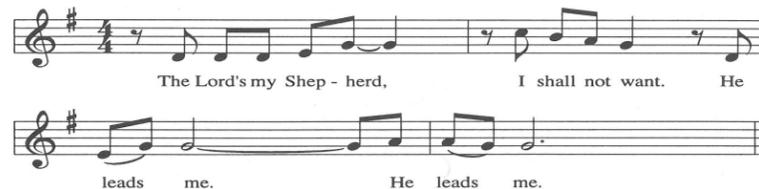
**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear the good news, in Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, we are loved and forgiven. Amen.

**\*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** "The Lord's My Shepherd" John A. Behnke  
Lindsey Peterson, Cantor



**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** *(Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.)*

**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** Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.  
"Prelude on Two Folk Hymns" (1923-1979)  
*(My Shepherd Will Supply My Need/Be Thou My Vision)*

**\*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 872) John 10:1-11 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN #803** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" RESIGNATION

**SCRIPTURE READING** (pages 435-436) Psalm 23 (Selected Verses)

**SERMON** "A Psalm That Keeps On Teaching" Chris Curvin, Pastor  
*"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."*

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

**(Refrain)** He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;  
His faithful follower I would be for by his hand he leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
By waters still, o'er trouble sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

**\*BLESSING FOR PAUL MEANS' SABBATICAL** (See Bulletin Cover)

**\*PRAYER FOR PAUL'S SABBATICAL & THE BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** "Pasticcio" Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

*(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 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.*

**COUNTDOWN**  
"Lift My Life Up"

**MEET & GREET**  
"In Christ Alone"

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO—"Psalm 23"**

"I Am Not Alone"

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

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

**CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY**  
"Come As You Are"

**SCRIPTURE**  
Psalm 23 (Selected Verses)

**MESSAGE**  
"A Psalm That Keeps On Teaching"  
*"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."*  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**  
"Cornerstone"

**BLESSING FOR PAUL MEANS' SABBATICAL**

*(See Bulletin Cover)*

**PRAYER FOR PAUL'S SABBATICAL & GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

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