

HYMN NOTES:

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (541, 542)

During the 19th century in the USA, refrains and final stanzas were often sung at the conclusion of camp meetings, revivals, annual homecoming services, and at the departure of a minister, musician or missionary to another assignment. In another tradition shaped-note singing schools and annual singings still conclude with a good-bye or farewell selection, with the singers exchanging a handshake or hug. In both traditions this can be a tearful moment for the elderly and their families and friends.

In 1880, Jeremiah E. Rankin studied the origin of the term ‘goodbye’ which means “God be with you,” and wrote this hymn for a revival in the First Congregational Church, Washington, DC, where he was pastor. It was popularized among Methodists who attended the summer gatherings at the Ocean Grove Campmeeting Association in NJ, and at Chautauqua Institute in NY. There is a refrain that has not been included in the most recent three Presbyterian hymnals: “till we meet, till we meet...at Jesus’ feet.”

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



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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, July 12th:** Dianna Hatch, Marcy Kemerer, Debbie Lang, Mike Pursley
- Monday, July 13th:** Ann Briggs, Julie Bryant, Jackson Krueger, David Smith
- Tuesday, July 14th:** Lorrie Janusik, William Warren, Corinne Winder
- Wednesday, July 15th:** Nathan Rodewald
- Thursday, July 16th:** Laura Ann Desilets, Annabelle Fredriksen, Nancy Rodewald
- Friday, July 17th:** Diane Bolton
- Saturday, July 18th:** Jimmy Krueger, Morgan Peterson, Rob Robicheau, Amy Robinson, Sean Schuler



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:** Aly Tobiassen
- GREETERS:** Ken & Martha Tobiassen
- USHERS:**
 - (9:00) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
 - (10:30) Rocky & Natalia Davis
Bill & Margaret Lewis
- VAN DRIVER:** Art Holloway



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: Aimee McDermott & Laura Gajentan

1st - 5th 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: Justine Ruisz

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 – 2nd 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: Miracles
Miracles – God’s gracious and extraordinary provision for us. What do we (and should we) expect? - as needed (1Kings 17:7-24) or lavish and ‘over the top’ (John 2:1-11)? 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.*

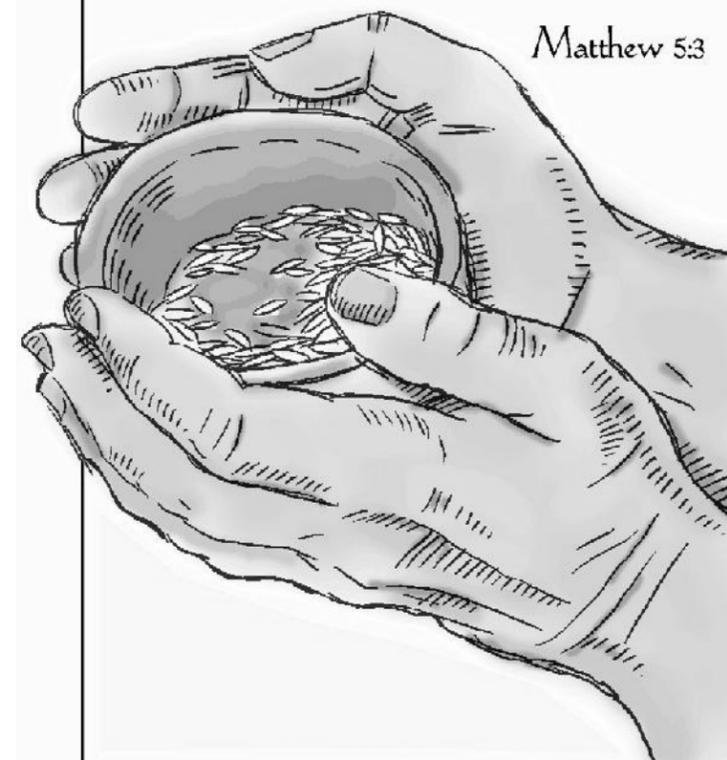
Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

July 12, 2015

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3



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
July 12, 2015
7th 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 (Psalm 124:8, Deuteronomy 32:11)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Ken Medema
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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.”

SOLO “Refuge and Strength” Mark Hayes
Liana Stephen, Soprano

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 Flor Peters
Liana Stephen, Soprano

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING arr. Emma Lou Diemer
“I Need Thee Every Hour”

***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 Matthew 5:1-12, The Beatitudes (Together)
When Jesus* saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

***HYMN #329** “God Is Our Refuge and Strength” WINCHESTER OLD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 465) Psalm 73:1-14, 28 (NRSV)

SERMON “Never, ever ever ever ever give up!” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #542** GOD BE WITH YOU
“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Fanfare” Tylman Susato
(c. 1510-1570)

(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
WELCOME**

PRAISE SONGS

“Open Up the Heavens”

MEET & GREET

“O, For A Thousand Tongues”

“Good to Be Alive”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Revelation Song”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Jesus Loves Me”

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 73:1-14, 28

MESSAGE

“Never, ever ever ever ever give up!”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“How Great Is Our God”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!