

HYMN NOTES: "God, who stretched the spangled heavens" (24)

This hymn has been called one of the finest hymns of the 20th century. Written by Catherine A. Cameron, it was first found in *Contemporary Worship—I* (1969), a Lutheran publication. Cameron was born in 1927 in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, the daughter of well known Presbyterian minister John Sutherland Bonnell. She has written poetry since childhood, and her hymns have appeared in a number of major American hymnals. She is now a U.S. citizen. Cameron said this hymn was "written over a period of several months at a time when I was experiencing a new sense of direction, growth, and creativity in my life. I wrote it to go with the tune AUSTRIA," however, most hymnals—including our *Glory to God*, use the tune HOLY MANNA. Few hymns speak as eloquently as this about the modern scene. Have we let our inventiveness lead us astray until we are faced with the possibility of self destruction? Has the city become an uncaring place where the lonely drift unnoticed? The hymn ends with a plea to make our work fit into the plans of God. The composer Dale Wood wrote an organ arrangement of the tune in 1989 which we'll hear at the offering today.

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



Sandra Gibson
In Memory of my parents,
Fred & Beatrice Jagger



Judy Peterson
In Memory of my mother,
Minerva

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, August 30th:** Velma Bupp, Traci Charlton, Aaron McDermott
- Monday, August 31st:** George Cernansky, Sharon Johnson, Kathleen Meyer, Marilyn Wolf
- Tuesday, September 1st:** Janet Dudley, Lou Hortobagyi, Vicki Phillips
- Wednesday, September 2nd:** Fred Heider, Roger Risberg
- Thursday, September 3rd:** Drew Bryant, Alex Ham, Howard McIntosh
- Friday, September 4th:** Scott Curkan
- Saturday, September 5th:** Bob Anderson, Allison Gunderman, Toby Shugart, Michael Turner, Terri Youngblood



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:** Youth
- USHERS:** Youth (9:00), Youth (10:30)
- VAN DRIVER:** Jerry Koski



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

1st - 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: Tanya Adkisson & Emily Cantin

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 Discovery Day!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

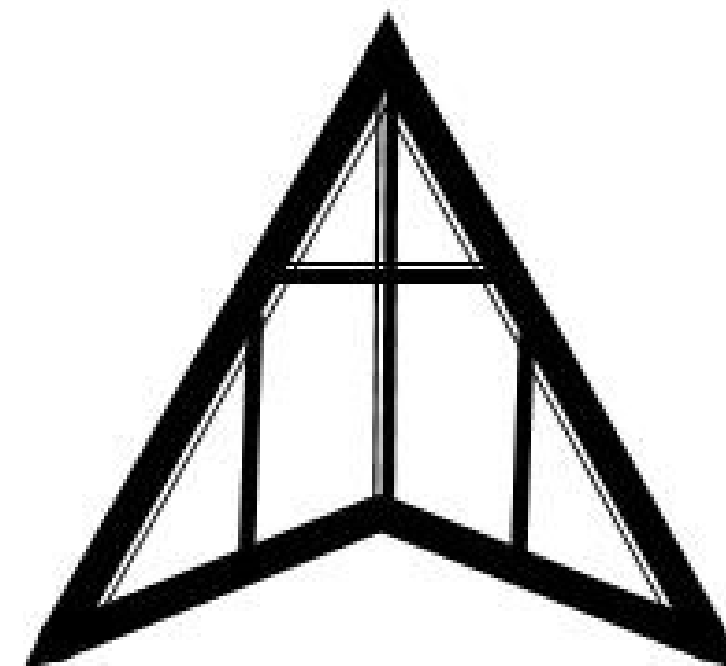
The TCI Sunday School Class (Today's Christian Issues)

We will begin the 2015-2016 year on Sunday, September 20th in Rooms 9 and 11 with a two-week study looking at the relationship between *truth* and *change* and dealing with the questions: "If something is true, how can it change?" and "If something changes, how could it have been true in the first place?" We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as members of the church and members of society. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion. At present, it is believed to be true that coffee and cookies will be available.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

August 30, 2015



Come, Grow, Go!

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
August 30, 2015
14th 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. Daniel S. Pinkston
“I Will Arise and Go to Jesus”
Heather Wood, Clarinet

(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 #26** “Earth and All Stars” EARTH AND ALL STARS

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen: Your works declare glory and splendor. You place us in your creation and command us to care for it. Where we have destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the people and creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray. 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.”

ANTHEM “With a Voice of Singing” Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.*

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 Dale Wood
“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

***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 (pages 970-971) Hebrews 1:1-10 (NRSV)

***HYMN #24** HOLY MANNA
“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 433; 582) Psalm 19:1; Isaiah 40:21-26a (NRSV)

SERMON **Reasons to Believe** Chris Curvin, Pastor
#1 “The Big Bang”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #33** “Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show” LLANFAIR

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “Benediction” Peter C. Lutkin
(The Lord Bless You and Keep You)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Earth and All Stars” Michael Burkhardt

(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

“Soul On Fire”
“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”

**MEET & GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mitchell Curtis Jones

“Never Alone”

(song requested by Mitchell's family for his baptism)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“I See You”

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19:1; Isaiah 40:21-26a

MESSAGE

Reasons to Believe

#1 “The Big Bang”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Impossible”

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!