

**HYMN NOTES:**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” by George Matheson (1842-1906) Matheson was born in Glasgow and was the pastor of St. Bernard’s Parish in Edinburgh. Although he was blind, he was a great preacher and writer. About this hymn he wrote, “the hymn was composed in the manse on the evening of June 6, 1882...It was the day of my sister’s marriage and the rest of my family were staying overnight in Glasgow. Something had happened to me which was known only to myself, and which caused me the most severe mental suffering. The hymn was the fruit of that suffering...I had the impression rather of having it dictated to me by some inward voice...I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes...It never received at my hands any retouching or correction.” It was first published in *Life and Work*, the record of the Church of Scotland (1883).

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



*Bob Grubbs  
In Memory of  
Pat Grubbs*



*Friends of Northwood*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2013 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, September 15th:** Bruce Cherry, Ben Curvin, Zoltan Hortobagyi, Don Morrison, Lindsey Rodewald
- Monday, September 16th:** Dennis O’Shea, Jayme Rothberg
- Tuesday, September 17th:** Myrl Chronister, Ted Wojciechowski
- Wednesday, September 18th:** Dot Brown, Louie Cinelli, Tad Dye, Grace Fulford, Janet George, Dave Glaser, Julie Latorre, Steven Musgrave
- Thursday, September 19th:** Toby Cash, Cynthia Lawrence, Jennifer Patterson, Brian Preston, Virginia Sloane, Larry Stephen
- Friday, September 20th:** Ken Andreassen, Mitchell Johnston
- Saturday, September 21st:** Alex Farina, Hannah Gipson, Alyssa Long

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:**

- (8:15) Kurt Kemerer
- (11:00) Kylie Crossley



**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Jim McGordy
- (11:00) Carol Rathmell & Preston Mkutumula



**Greeters & Ushers**

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Wayne & Nancy Rodewald  
Norm & Marie Phillips
- (9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
- (11:00) Jon & Vicki Mills  
Pete & Evelyn Towns

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence

**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

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

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.  
*Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Propst*

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

**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3**  
*Teachers: Hallie Pelham & Pat Cheek*

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

**Rooms 16**

*Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Nancy Turner*

**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.  
*Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre*

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

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.  
*Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston*

**9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15**

**TODAY:** Join us as we open the book of John to study Chapter 1, verses 1-15. These 15 verses are a treasure often missed for its meaning. Class starts at 9:45, but come at 9:30 for coffee, cookies, and a time to chat. Bibles are provided, or bring your own. Discussion led by Doug Shierling.

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

**9/8-9/29:** 4 week DVD series "The Case for Faith" by Lee Strobel & Garry Poole. Investigation of the Toughest Objections to Christianity. Georgianna Winder will lead the discussion using scripture and a Bible study guide addressing the most common objections to the Christian faith over the 4 week series. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion while enjoying cookies and coffee.

**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.

**DEADLINES FOR ALL PUBLICATIONS**

**THE MONITOR—Usually the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month**

This publication is emailed to those providing email addresses.

**SUNDAY BULLETIN—Info due 9/20 for 9/29 bulletin**

**(Please limit articles/announcements to no more than 4 lines)**

**THE WINDOW-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:**

Deadline: Thursday before the 3rd Tuesday of the month

Mailing: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Please send articles to Katie Pacana at [Katie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@northwoodpc.org).

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**

**September 15, 2013**

*“The Grand Essentials  
of happiness  
are having  
something to do,  
someone to love &  
something to hope for.”*

*~Thomas Chalmers*

**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  
September 15, 2013  
17th Sunday after Pentecost  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**WE GATHER**

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

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** arr. Joel Raney  
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*(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 place it in the offering plate later in the service).*

**\*HYMN #4 “Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”** LLANFAIR

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Merciful God, Jesus’ life, and the manner of his death demonstrated that there was literally no limit to His love. He demonstrated how the values of Your kingdom are different from the world’s values. We confess we fail to practice unlimited love and live by the standards He established for us. Forgive us when we contribute to disunity or conflict in any of our relationships with one another. Empower us to be Your faithful witnesses. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Together)**

“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.”

**ANTHEM** “Devotion” John Ness Beck

*I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.  
Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.  
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, to Thy precious, bleeding side.*

*Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.*

**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** (8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children are dismissed to multi-age Sunday School class.)

**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** Robin Dinda  
“Hymn Prelude on LLANFAIR”  
*(based on the tune of today’s first hymn, #4)*

**\*DOXOLOGY—#544** 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 22-23) **Genesis 29:1-20** (NRSV)

**HYMN #382 “Not So in Haste, My Heart!”** DOLOMITE CHANT  
*(Please remain seated.)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 787) **Matthew 5:43-48** (NRSV)

**SERMON SERIES** Chris Curvin, Pastor  
**The Grand Essentials of Happiness: #2 “Someone to Love”**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #400 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”** ST. MARGARET

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** “Toccata Brevis” Daniel E. Gawthrop

*(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**

**PRAISE SONG**

“How Great Thou Art”  
“Live Like That”

**MEET & GREET**

“Everlasting God”

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AFFIRMING OUR FAITH**

*Leader: What was Jesus’ greatest commandment?*

*All: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

**WORSHIP CONTINUES**

“I Lift My Hands”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*(Children in 3rd-5th grades are dismissed to Sunday School in Room 8.)*

**CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY**

“Softly and Tenderly”

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Matthew 5:43-48**

**MESSAGE**

*The Grand Essentials of Happiness: #2 “Someone to Love”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor*

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“In Christ Alone”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*