

HYMN NOTES: During these weeks of stewardship emphasis we will see and hear many references to 'opening doors' through sermons, music, hymns and visuals. Our opening hymn today was born from the dedication of a new worship building for Overlake Park Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Washington. The theme for their move into the new facility was "Open the Doors." The pastor wrote, 'In April 1987 there was a fire that very quickly destroyed the (worship) building. On the Sunday following the fire, we gathered in front of the burned out building and had a service where we closed the doors for the final time and then moved to our Fellowship Hall....for two years. We used the theme "Open the Doors" for the financial campaign for the new building.'

The congregation had suffered four years of sadness: the sudden death of a parish associate, departures, disappointments, and disease—all this in addition to the fire. They persevered through it all and with patience, prayer and sacrifice were able to sing this hymn as they opened the new doors for Christ in the new building.

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



*Elaine Cornillaud
In Honor of
Larry's 72nd Birthday*



*Jackie Koski
In Honor of
Jerry's Birthday*

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, October 13th: Larry Cornillaud
Monday, October 14th: Bunny Bitner, Jean Counts, Dave Luke
Tuesday, October 15th: Bill Bilka, Warrick Williamson
Thursday, October 17th: Adam Booth, Gwendolyn Gordon, Lucas Johnston, Susan Jones, Jack Mattheus, Trish Robicheau, Norman Smith
Friday, October 18th: Caysen Patel
Saturday, October 19th: Peggy Brown, Christopher Nigels

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) Eli Jeffre
 (11:00) Bryce Fulford



GREETERS:

(8:15) Becky Sharp & Howard Green
 (11:00) Martha & Ken Tobiassen

USHERS:

(8:15) Jim Hunt & Jim McGordy
 Chip & Marian Hill
 (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
 (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
 Jonathan & Glenna Stephens



Greeters & Ushers

VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Kelsey Propst

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Kim & Sydney Blackmore

1st & 2nd Grades

Room 16

Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Loisanne Bilka

3rd-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: Kay Scheuerman & Pam Wood

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

Teachers: Dawn Winder & Carissa Johnston

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Join us in our study of the wonderful book John. We've almost completed chapters 1-3. If you would like to be part of our study, it's easy to catch up. John's Gospel is different in structure than are the other three. Class starts @ 9:30, but come a little early for coffee and a time to chat. Our study begins @ 9:45. There is a lot to discuss. Bibles are provided or bring your own. Jane Sutton will lead today's class.

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

TODAY: We will be discussing what young atheists claim has turned them away from Christianity. What can we as a church family do about this? Is it a real problem for the church? Please join our discussion on this topic. All are welcome and we also have coffee and cookies!

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. Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

October 13, 2013

"Open the Gates" David Haas
 (Sung by the Westminster Choir)

*Open the gates! Let the music of love break through.
 Open the gates! Let your soul become a song!
 Open the gates! Let your spirit be born again;
 and we'll walk in the light of God!*

*See the road outstretched before us.
 Reach for the presence far and wide!
 Honor the vision: God's reign is here.
 Come rise up, feel the power deep inside!*

*Sing the song of God's compassion.
 Teach one another and be healed!
 Dance to the rhythm of a new day.
 Share your gifts, let the Spirit be revealed!*

*Sing now the music of the promise.
 Shaped by the Word, we answer the call!
 Moved by the fire of God's story,
 we are strong, we are light and hope for all!*

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**Order for the Public Worship of God
October 13, 2013
21st 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 silence cell phones.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Jubilo” Matthew Prins
Westminster Handbell Choir

(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** “Open the Doors for Christ” DIADEMATA

Open the doors for Christ! Let light shine everywhere, to welcome here old friends and new for worship, song, and prayer. Our hearts fling open too, our minds and wills as well, that all who see us know our God, and hear good news to tell.

Open the doors for Christ! God’s children all are we. In nursery, classroom, workplace, home, in age or infancy. Seek paths of faith and truth; may learning never cease, till all the world’s a neighborhood of love and hope and peace.

Open the doors for Christ! The world of need awaits; May we not close our minds or hearts to those outside the gates. We see the work to do. God, give us strength and will to carry out Your perfect plan with courage and with skill.

Open the doors for Christ! O Holy Spirit, come! With speech on fire, and rushing wind, and organ pipe, and drum! Inspire us to move on where future doors swing wide, to tell the world a Savior’s love means God is at our side.
--Jane Parker Huber, © 1996. Used by permission from *Singing in Celebration* John Knox Press, 1996

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of Majesty and Freshness, we confess our failure to reach for either perfection or renewal. We have been content with old wineskins and tired formulas. We have resisted change by turning our backs on the abundant life Christ offers. With eyes that do not see, we miss the vision of serving in Christ’s name. Forgive us and open doors to the opportunities you have planned for us in your world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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. Amen.”

ANTHEM “Jubilate Deo” Charles Villiers Stanford

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God’s presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord is God: it is God who hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are God’s people, we are God’s people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise:
Be thankful, be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

*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.*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (8:15 am & 11:00 am:
Children are dismissed to the 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 “Open the Gates” David Haas
Westminster Youth Choir; Ally Wolf, Soloist
(Text on front cover.)

***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 900) **Acts 16:6-15** (NRSV)

HYMN #334 “Jesus, Lead the Way” SEELENBRÄUTIGAM
(Please Remain Seated)

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 978) **Hebrews 12:1-2** (NRSV)

STEWARDSHIP SERIES Chris Curvin, Pastor
Opening the Door #1: “When the Door Seems Closed”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #433 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”** REGENT SQUARE

***BENEDICTION**

8:15 ONLY—BENEDICTION RESPONSE
“I Can Do All Things” Mark Burrows
Cherub/Seraph/Angel Choirs (Ages 3-5th Grade)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Festival Voluntary” Flor Peeters

(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.*

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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

“I Can Do All Things”

(By: Mark Burrows)

Cherub/Seraph/Angel Choirs (Ages 3-5th Grade)

**MEET & GREET
PRAISE SONG**

“You Are Holy”

“We Won’t Be Shaken”

WELCOME

“Goliath”

(By: Martin/Williams) Angel Choir (with David Hamilton, Lindsey Peterson & Heather Wood)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“Jubilo”

(By: Matthew Prins) Westminster Handbell Choir

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Open the Gates”

Westminster Youth Choir; Ally Wolf, Soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 2:1-2 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

Opening the Door #1:

“When the Door Seems Closed”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Live Like That”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!