

HYMN NOTES:

“Giving God, We Pause and Wonder”

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette has written a hymn (2006) on the meaning of Christian stewardship which advances the question, “What would happen if we took seriously the biblical call to give ten percent of our income?” In a book by Ron Sider (*The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience*) he said, “the average house-hold income in the U.S. is \$42,000-plus. If every American who claims to be a Christian tithed, we’d have about \$143 billion a year. UNICEF said it would cost \$70-80 billion a year to provide food, healthcare and education for all the poor children of the world. That would still leave us \$70 billion to run our ministries here and send missionaries there. In the final stanza, Gillette explains that by giving we’re not saying “Look what we can do,” but that our gifts are simply a way of saying “thank you” to God. What a wonderful witness a tithing church would be of God’s love in a hurting world.

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



Larry, Elaine & Jason Cornillaud
In Honor of
Ava’s 9th Birthday



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PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, October 19th:** Peggy Brown, Christopher Nigels
- Monday, October 20th:** Zach Rothberg, Barbara Yonteck
- Wednesday, October 22nd:** Florence Graham, Robert Robicheau, Mary Zeigler
- Thursday, October 23rd:** Naomi Cline, Vickie Mills
- Friday, October 24th:** Ed Derkevics, Jon Mills, Imogene White
- Saturday, October 25th:** Ava Cornillaud, David Daniel, Luran Irion, Jordan Mattheus, Larry Taylor

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) Jimmy Birch
- (11:00) Aidan McDermott



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Chip & Marian Hill
- (11:00) Jim, Lauren & William Warren

USHERS:

- (8:15) Jim Hunt, Jim McGordy, Bob MacFall, Don Morrison
- (9:30) Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
- (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood



Greeters & Ushers

VAN DRIVER: Sue Miskiewicz

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message
Teacher: Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Melissa Michalk & Amy Kemerer

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

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 16.

Teachers: Steve Cantin & Justine Ruisz

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: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 4 beginning at 11:00. Children will move to room 3 at 11:20 where they can be picked up after service. Should your child like to attend service up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or return to worship with their parents.

Teacher: Barbara Englehart

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

- 9:30 AM Youth Room
- 11:00 AM Youth Room

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 Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: This Sunday’s Serendipity Class will be a discussion of Nehemiah, led by Bob Meier. On Sunday, October 26, Pete Judd will lead a discussion of Paul. Join us!

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

TODAY: Quiet time. Do we relish it or avoid it? Why? Barbara Englehart will guide our discussion as we look at recent studies, our experiences, and Scripture to learn why it may be important to have time alone with our thoughts. Coffee and cookies will enhance the conversation.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

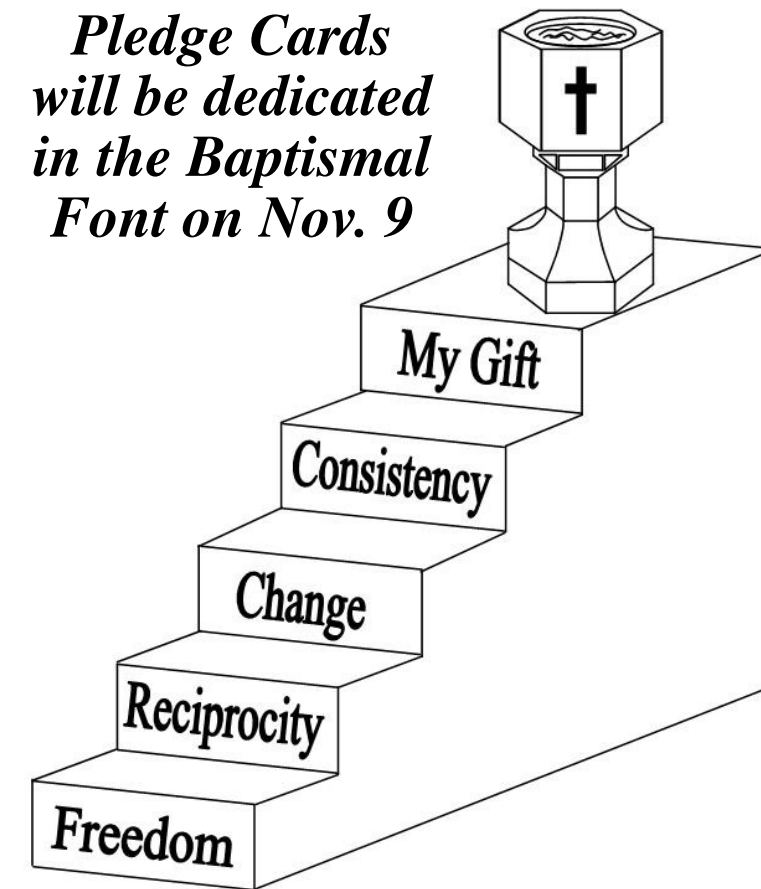
TODAY: Led by Vicki Krueger.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

October 19, 2014

Pledge Cards will be dedicated in the Baptismal Font on Nov. 9



"Taking the Next Step of Faith"

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
October 19, 2014
19th 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 David Lasky
"Trumpet Tune in C"

(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 along to center aisle and leave in the pew. Do not place in the offering plate).

***HYMN #714** "God of the Fertile Fields" ITALIAN HYMN

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. We confess that too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second; worried that there may not be enough. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and fill us with a more generous heart. Through Jesus' name 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 "Psalm 84: Cantique de Jean Racine" Faure/Hopson

*O Lord of Hosts. How lovely are Thy dwellings.
My soul longs for Thy courts, Oh Lord.
My heart and flesh cry out; O Lord, for Thee.*

*O blest are they whose hope is forever in Thee;
Who praise Thy name, who sing their songs within Thy holy house.
O Lord, incline Thine ear; Look down, my spirit longs for Thee.*

*A Sun and Shield is the Lord of Hosts.
My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My soul it longs for Thee.
In thee I trust; Look down and hear my prayer.*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministries
Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children's Sunday School.)

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 arr. Diane Bish
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

***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 778) Malachi 3:1-10 (TLB)

***HYMN** "Giving God, We Pause and Wonder" NETTLETON
(Please Stand.)

Giving God, we pause and wonder: What would happen if we tithed —
If we gave our gifts, Creator, Hearts and hands all opened wide?
We might learn, by gladly sharing, Not to trust in things we own
But to risk — it's part of caring — And to trust in you alone.

We could do abundant mission, Sharing Christ who claims and frees.
We could reach out with new vision In creative ministries.
No more bound by limitations Of what churches can't afford,
We could learn with jubilation Whole new ways to serve you, Lord.

Humbly on your strength relying, We could build a thousand schools;
We could feed a million orphans And give countless farmers tools.
As we gladly shared your blessings, Then the world might want to know:
"See! How loving are those Christians! Who's the One who makes them so?"

God, we know we cannot pay you For your love in Christ your Son.
Gifts and tithes are just a "thank you" — Ways to pass your blessings on.
We have learned that, in our sharing, We receive more than we give.
By your Spirit, make us daring In this joyful way to live.

--Biblical References: Malachi 3:8-10; Romans 15:25-26; 1 John 4:7-8
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SCRIPTURE READING (page 942) 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NRSV)

STEWARDSHIP SERIES Chris Curvin, Pastor
Taking the Next Step of Faith #2: "The Step of Reciprocity"
*"The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." v. 6*

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #729** I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY arr. John Leavitt
"All Creatures of Our God and King"

(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

PRAISE SONGS

"Trading My Sorrows"
"Your Grace Is Enough"

MEET & GREET

"Lift My Life Up"

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
WORSHIP CONTINUES**

"Greater"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

"Oceans"

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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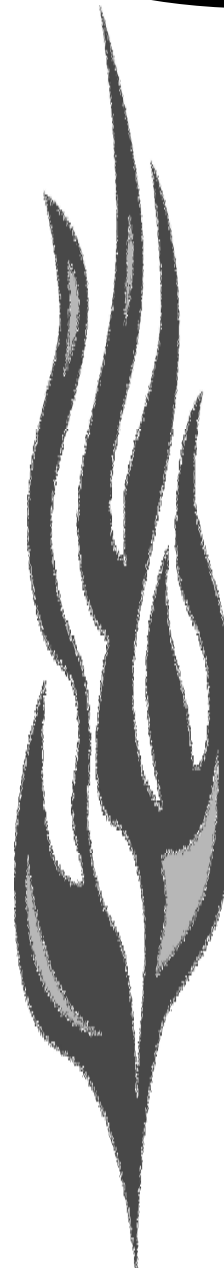
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"We Believe"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...



that Ignite Action!