

**HYMN NOTES: "Take My Life" (697)**

Frances R. Havergal wrote our closing hymn today in 1874. This is her account of the writing:

*"In December 1873 I went for a little visit of five days to Areley House in Worcestershire (England). There were ten persons in the house; some unconverted and long prayer for, some converted but not rejoicing Christians. He (God) gave me the prayer, 'Lord, give me all in this house!' and He just did. Before I left the house every one had got a blessing. The last night of my visit I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in renewal of my consecration, those little couplets formed themselves...till they finished with 'ever, only, all for Thee.'"*

Hymnal editor Carlton R. Young, has the indelible memory from his youth when in the church where his father was the pastor he heard this hymn—particularly stanza 4—"Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold." It was sung with great determination by affluent worshippers in vocal response to the annual (pledge drive.) Their financial response to the challenge was to pledge a small fraction of the interest income from their considerable inherited wealth—pledges reportedly often among the last to be paid at the end of the year.

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



Larry, Elaine & Ava Cornillaud  
In Honor of  
Jason's 40th Birthday



Jill Towell  
In Memory of  
My Mother, Virginia Smith

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!

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, October 26th:** Sue Gavette, Jody Mattheus, Joe Nelson
- Monday, October 27th:** Bob Beck, Brianna Preston, Caitlyn Preston
- Tuesday, October 28th:** Glenna Stevens
- Wednesday, October 29th:** Carol Kirkwood, Tiffany Long, Roger Ulrich, Shawn Wolf
- Thursday, October 30th:** Jason Cornillaud, Don Drummond, Jessica Jones
- Friday, October 31st:** Elizabeth Curkan, Jessica Robicheau
- Saturday, November 1st:** Bob Thygerson

*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) Nyden Rodewald
- (11:00) Ethan Crossley



**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Chip & Marian Hill
- (11:00) Elaine Cornillaud

**USHERS:**

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



**Greeters & Ushers**

**VAN DRIVER:** Jerry Koski

**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

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

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message  
*Teacher: Nathan Rodewald*

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

**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3**  
*Teachers: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Joan Tobiassen & Janet George*

**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: Trish Cole & Kim Peterson*

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

3 Yr. Olds - 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Join us as we study a new biblical figure each week. Join us for coffee and cookies.

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

**TODAY:** Should public prayer be rewarded or forbidden? We'll be discussing reactions to each of these as experienced recently in a restaurant and a mall. Come and join our discussion led by Martha Tobiasen. Coffee and cookies are available.

**11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15**

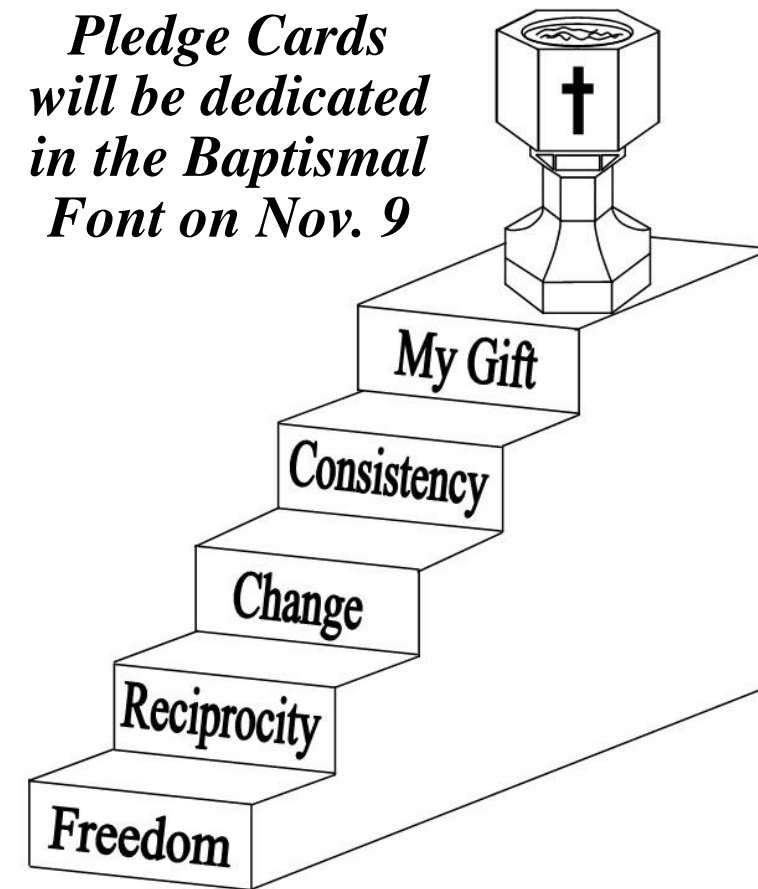
**TODAY:** Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**

**October 26, 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 26, 2014**  
**20th 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 electronic devices.)*

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** (11:00) Mike Pursley

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** arr. Tammy Waldrop  
“‘Grace Alone’ with AMAZING GRACE”  
Celebration Ringers

*(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION—Blanket Sunday** Sue Miskiewicz

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service).*

**\*HYMN #275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** EIN FESTE BURG

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Heavenly Father, through your precious Son, Jesus, you have supremely revealed your love for bent and broken human beings. As your children, you long for us to experience spiritual growth. We confess that the concern for what others might say, the consuming cares of this world, and the constant desire for more have hardened our fickle hearts to your majesty and mercy. In our most honest moments, we know that growing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus has not been what it could have been. Loving God, forgive us we pray. In your great mercy, continue to till the soil of our hearts so that we may grow more and more in the love and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose 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** “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” arr. Mack Wilberg  
Melanie Schulz, Violin; Wagner Schulz, Clarinet

*My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand’ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,  
And leads me for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise;  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.*

**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** *(Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)*

**RECOGNITION OF THE HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY AND THOSE WHO SERVED IN 2013 - 2014**

Elders: Bill Bilka, Loisanne Bilka, Barbara Englehart, Jackie Koski  
Deacons: Muriel Antonakis, Nancy Baker, Jean DeFilippo (deceased), Sandra Gibson, Barbara Moler, Judy Peterson, Barbara Schlerf, Ruth Thomson

**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** “O God Beyond All Praising” Holst/Larson  
with Violin and Clarinet

**\*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** *(page 642)* Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN #716** “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” BEACH SPRING  
*(Please Stand.)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** *(page 794)* Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSV)

**STEWARDSHIP SERIES** Paul Means, Associate Pastor  
**Taking the Next Step of Faith #3: “The Step of Change”**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #697** “Take My Life” HENDON  
*(stanzas 1,3,4,6)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Helmut Walcha  
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (1907-1991)

*(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**

“Grace Alone” with AMAZING GRACE”

arr. Tammy Waldrop  
Celebration Ringers

**MEET & GREET  
PRAISE SONGS**

“Rising”

“Devil’s Got the Blues”

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
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Sue Miskiewicz

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**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

*3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School*

**CALL TO OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

“Revelation Song”

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-24 (NRSV)

**VIDEO**

“Change Is Possible”

**MESSAGE**

Taking the Next Step of Faith #3:

“The Step of Change”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“If We Are the Body”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

