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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- Children’s Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at childrensminis- try@northwoodpc.org.
- Please be sure to check out and “like” the Children’s Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children’s Bible lesson posted along with other activities.
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**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. Please use our website for up to date information.

**Experiencing God Class**, led by Vicki Krueger
If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

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**Come, Grow, Go!**
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.

CALL TO OFFERING
PRAYER OF DEDICATION
HYMN #407 “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”
(stanzas 1,3,4) nun danket all’ und bringet her’

Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home. Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame. Let our whole soul an offering be to your redeemer’s name.

Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love. And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.

WE GROW IN THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-21 (RSV)

SERMON “Life and the Love We Live By”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE
HYMN #450 “Be Thou My Vision”
(stanzas 1,2,4) slane

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower; Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BENEDICTION
CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Lebantanz: MIT FREUDEN ZART” Franklin D. Ashdown
(Praise Dance on “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director