Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

September 13, 2020

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 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.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=26346002701372443

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy1@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

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.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

HYMN NOTES:

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest” (824)

So often hymns are written out of a personal experience of the writer, as is this one. In Chicago, Cleland McAfee (1866-1944) had just received word that his brother and sister-in-law had lost both of their daughters to diphtheria within twenty-four hours. He was grief-stricken. He was asked to say some words at the funeral and also to sing a solo. He couldn’t think of what to say or to sing but his mind went to verses in Psalms that brought comfort and rest to those who sought refuge in the Lord. As he meditated further, he wrote the words and the music to this simple hymn.

At the double funeral, outside the darkened, quarantined house of his brother, McAfee with a choking voice, sang this hymn publicly for the first time. The following Sunday, his church choir sang it from their pastor’s handwritten copy.

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

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org. Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your $30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchi.mp/3d639497be95d0Wghh-updates-1403260

after the fire came a gentle whisper...

1 Kings 19:12
Order for the Worship of God
September 13, 2020
15th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: But in these last days, we have heard God’s voice through His Son, Jesus Christ, who has been given dominion over all things and through whom all worlds were made.

People: He is the One who sustains the universe by the power of his command; the one who, even now, reigns in the heavens, seated at the right hand of God.

Leader: He is the one who gave himself to free us from the grip of sin and death.

People: God is for us! With growing faith and great joy let us worship our God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Sometimes a Light Surprises” arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #30
“O God, in a Mysterious Way”  DUllNDEE
O God, in a mysterious way great wonders you perform. You plant your footsteps in the sea and ride up on the storm. Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill. You treasure up your bright designs and work your sovereign will. O fearful saints, fresh courage take. The clouds you so much dread. You are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on your head. Our unbelief is sure to err and scan your work in vain. You are your own interpreter, and you will make it plain.

HYMN #169
“When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation”  Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN #824
“This Is a Place of Quiet Rest”  MCAFFE
There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God. Refrain: O Jesus, blest redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God, a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. Refrain There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. Refrain

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 19:1-14 (NRSV)

SERMON
“God’s Gentle Whisper”  Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #169
“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”  REST
(stanzas 1,4,5)
Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in your rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

BENEDICTION

HYMN #824
“Then Sings My Soul”  Mary McDonald
(How Great Thou Art)
(4 a recording of the Chancel Choir; September 29, 2019)