**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)

During the summer months, there will be no children’s worship. Children will remain in service with their family. Nursery will still be available.

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

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chris Ey Raborn.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Justine Ruiz & Sydney Blackmore.

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

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)

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**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 11:00am for Sunday School where we are currently studying the Book of Exodus.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

TCI this week is on feeding children in need. Come join this discussion group as we consider our Christian responsibilities. Coffee and cookies will be available.

9:30 A.M. “Defenders” Sunday School Room 10, led by Michael Jahosky, will not be meeting during the summer months and will resume in the fall.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger, will resume today, September 9th! Come join us!

11:00 A.M. “Journey Through” Room 4, led by Vanessa Celotto.

*Journey Through* is an adult Sunday school class in room 4 from 11:00-11:45 that coincides with the youth Sunday school class. It is an awesome opportunity for you and your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together in a way that is relevant to each of your lives. Don’t have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That’s okay! The class is open to everyone and it’s the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood.

**6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study**

This Bible study meets at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!
ORDER OF SERVICE
Order for the Public Worship of God
September 9, 2018
16th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
People: love is the fulfillment of the law.
Leader: Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.
People: The Lord will come to save us.
Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's word.
People: They are like trees planted by the water
Leader: In faith, let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
"God of Heaven"
Heather Sorenson
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #463  "How Firm a Foundation"
FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(Together)
Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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
"The Time for Singing Has Come"
Natalie Sleeth
The time for singing has come, the time for singing has come,
The time for singing a joyful song to God, the Lord has come,
The time for praising is here, the time for praising is here,
The time for praising the Lord above with songs of love is here!

For lo, the winter is past, the cold is over and done,
The flow'rs appear on the earth, the world's awakening begun!
The time for sorrow is gone, the hour of grieving is through,
The heart rejoices to greet the dawn and hope is born anew.
Sing gloria, gloria, time for singing joyful songs has come.

Blessed, blessed shall they be, all who praise with melody,
Let the chorus fill the air, God's great goodness to declare,
Let all before the Maker bow, the time for praising praise is now!

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING
"As the Wind Song"
Michael Burkhardt

*DOXOLOGY—#606
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN #362
"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"
LLANGLOFFAN

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON
"Fearless"
Jack Alwood, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN
"Fulfilled and Blessed"
REST
Fulfilled and blessed are those who wait, expectant and prepared.
Whose lamps are lit to celebrate when Jesus knocks, ere soon or late,
And asks if we have cared.
The alms we share in thankfulness, for all God gives in trust,
Provide a channel to express, through helping neighbors in distress,
Our zeal for causes just.
We may with God commune.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE HEAR THE WORD

OFFERTORY
"Even If"

SCRIPTURES
Luke 12:32-40 NRSV

MESSAGE
"Fearless"
Jack Alwood, Guest Preacher

SONG OF DEDICATION
"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU