**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 Chrsisy Rahorn & Carissa Johnston.

**2nd-5th Grade, Room 4**
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Justine Ruisz & Jane Winne.

**11:00 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 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**
The Middle & High Schoolers meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back row 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 doing a recap of the Book of Genesis.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**
TCI will be on summer hiatus from May 27 until September 9. Have a joyful and rejuvenating summer and return with us on September 9 for new discussions of contemporary issues and their affects on our faith journey.

**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 not meet for the summer. We will resume in the fall.

**12:30 P.M. Bible Study Room 4**
“Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times” by Howard Peskett is the book the Sunday Bible study group is studying this summer. This study covers how to trust God even when life doesn’t go as we want it to go. For the summer, the group is meeting on Sundays at 12:30 in Room 4. Contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or email lucindy1@aol.com with questions or if you need a book ordered. Books may be purchased online.

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**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…**

**Monday, August 13:** Madelyn McCutcheon
**Tuesday, August 14:** Shawn Davis, Mason Tighe
**Wednesday, August 15:** Bob Clyne
**Thursday, August 16:** Alice Russell, Beverly Field,
Sandy Ingram, Susan Taylor, Hannah Fish
**Friday, August 17:** Richard Naider, Dan Gipson
**Saturday, August 18:** Atticus Ulrich

*If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!*

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**The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Jon & Vickie Mills**

In Honor of our Anniversary

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2018 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!

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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**
(8:15) Loisanne Bilka & Mary Duffey
(11:00) Sharon & Bucky Helms

**USHERS:**
(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
David & Suzanne Hamilton
(9:30) Vicki & Curtis Krueger
(11:00) Linda & Mike O’Leary
Sue Miskiewicz & Pete Towns

**VAN DRIVER:** John Makal

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**Music Notes:**
The Westminster Singers today are sharing a beautiful devotional anthem of assurance and faith written by two of church music’s most respected professionals. The words, a tender reminder that the God of wind, rain and sea is also a God of love, “and with His love, He covers me” are by Susan Bentall Boersma. Susan has been writing since her days at Hope College in Michigan where she trained as a church musician. She collaborates frequently with music composer Craig Courtney as well as Lloyd Larson and Mark Hayes. Craig Courtney is an award winning composer of more than 200 published works and is co-music editor of Beckenhorst Press in Columbus OH. Our Westminster Singers are Sarah Flaherty, Heather Wood, Lindsey Peterson, Kaleb Adkisson, David Hamilton and Dylan Cantin.
Order for the Public Worship of God
August 12, 2018
12th 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)
Leader: Let us hear what the Lord will speak.
People: God will speak peace to the faithful.
Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.
People: Happy are those who trust in God.
Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
People: the conviction of things not seen.
Leader: So in faith, let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arr. Heather Sorenson
Heather Wood, Clarinet
Dylan Cantin, Bassoon
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*HYMN #610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty and Ever-Present God, how astonishing it is that “your eyes are open and your ears attentive” to our prayers! How amazing that you hear our unspoken whispers, that you are acquainted with all of our goings and comings. How remarkable that you desire to partner in life with us! Forgive us for living by our schedules that crowd you out and for agendas that have no room for the comings. How remarkable that you desire to partner in life with us! Forgive us for living by our unspoken whispers, that you are acquainted with all of our goings and comings. How remarkable that you desire to partner in life with us! Forgive us for living by our schedules that crowd you out and for agendas that have no room for the

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 “He Covers Me” Westminster Singers
In the waves upon the ocean, in the blushing of the winds,
In the beating wings of eagles is the love that never ends.
For God is love, a steadfast love that never ends.

MUSICAL OFFERING *HYMN #451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” OPEN MY EYES
WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-12, 24-25 NRSV (page 871)

SERMON “The Blind See” Jack Alwood, Guest Preacher
WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*SUNG BLESSING “May the Road Rise to Meet You” Lori True
Westminster Singers

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Fanfare on SLANE” Charles W. Ore
(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.)

*SUNG BLESSING “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
Heather Wood, Clarinet
Dylan Cantin, Bassoon

MEET AND GREET
WORSHIP SONG “In Christ Alone”
The Stephen Family

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY “He Covers Me” Westminster Singers

SCRIPTURE John 9:1-12, 24-25

MESSAGE “The Blind See”
Jack Alwood, Guest Preacher

SONG OF DEDICATION “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU