SUMMER EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year), Room 16
Join us in the multi-age Sunday School in Room 16 at 9:00 AM.

Teachers: Nancy Donnelly & Carissa Johnston

1st - 5th 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: Barbara Englehart & Kayla McDermott

10:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth – 2nd grade if needed.

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table
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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

There will be no Sunday School for Middle and High School throughout the summer! See you in the Fall at Discovery Day!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The TCI Sunday School Class (Today's Christian Issues)
We will begin the 2015-2016 year on Sunday, September 20th in Rooms 9 and 11 with a two-week study looking at the relationship between truth and change and dealing with the questions: “If something is true, how can it change?” and “If something changes, how could it have been true in the first place?” We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as members of the church and members of society. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion. At present, it is believed to be true that coffee and cookies will be available.

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (32)
This text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was first published in his Divine and Moral Songs for the Use of Children (1715). This was the first hymn written exclusively for children. He wrote about it:

“Children of high and low degree, of the Church of England or dissenters, baptized in infancy or not, may all join together in these songs. And as I have endeavored to sink the language to the level of a child’s understanding, and yet to keep it, if possible, above contempt, so I have designed to profit all, if possible, and offend none.”

It is rare that a profound theologian can write well for children, but at least in this one hymn Watts succeeded. The words are filled with vivid pictures of the handiworks of God, and remind us that God is everywhere in our midst. (It is alright for adults to sing this, too!)

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2015 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

HYMN NOTES:

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

Mike & Linda O'Leary
In Memory of
Dorthea O'Leary
Bob Grubbs
In Loving Memory of
Pat Grubbs

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Sunday, September 6th:  Mark Giese, Gary Jay,
Aimee McDermott
Monday, September 7th:  Roy Jackson, Curtis Knueger,
Owen Lemon, Marian Rather
Tuesday, September 8th:  Dot Brown, Carol Curry
Thursday, September 10th:  Loring Daniel, Tyler Jones
Friday, September 11th:  Jarret Schuler, Brian Schultz, Doris Smith,
Shirley Walker
Saturday, September 12th:  Judy Peterson
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

ACOLYTE:  Aidan McDermott
GREETERS:  Billie & Ben Nesmith
USHERS:
(9:00)  Sam & Barb Musgrave
(10:30)  Gene Baker, Earle Lusk
Ed Puschmann, Bob MacFall
VAN DRIVER:  Ed Puschmann

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
September 6, 2015

Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church
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PaulMeans, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
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Order for the Public Worship of God  
September 6, 2015  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service  

WE GATHER  

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

CALL TO WORSHIP  

OPENING VOLUNTARY "On Eagle’s Wings" Michael Joncas  
arr. Mark Hayes  

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

*HYMN #35  
"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" 1obe Den Herren

CALL TO CONFESSION  

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  

Eternal God: You make all things new and forgive old wrongs we can’t forget. We have spent time without expressing love to others and we have at times drifted along in life without purpose. Daily we have done wrong and failed to do what you lovingly ask of us. Forgive the past; do not let it cripple or shame us. Lead us into this week, free from sin, free to love and ready to work for you Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. 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.”

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Together, page 35)

ANTHEM  
"Jacob’s Ladder" Michele White, soprano; Dick Casper, baritone

As Jacob with travel was weary one day,  
at night on a stone for a pillow he lay;  
He saw in a vision a ladder so high,  
that it’s foot was on earth and its top in the sky.

Refrain: Alleluia to Jesus who died on the tree,  
And hath raised up a ladder of mercy for me.

This ladder is long, it is strong and well-made.  
Has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed:  
Many millions have climbed it and reached Zion’s hill,  
And thousands by faith are climbing it still. Refrain

Come, let us ascend, all may climb who will;  
For the angels of Jacob are guarding it still;  
And remember, each step that by faith we pass o’er,  
Some prophet or martyr hath trod it before. Refrain

And when we arrive at the haven of rest,  
We shall hear the gladsome words, “Come up hither, ye blest,  
Here are regions of light, here are mansions of bliss.”  
O, who would not climb such a ladder as this?

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN  

Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING  
"Hymn Interpretation on SCHUMUCKE DICH"  
(based on the communion hymn #514, “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”)  
David Cherwien

*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 515)  
Proverbs 8:22-31 (NRSV)

SERMON  
Reasons to Believe  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

#2 "The Second Big Bang"

*HYMN #500  
"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”  
ST. FLAVIAN

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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.”


(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one Body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Liturgical Improvisation #2" George Oldroyd  
(1895-1968)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #32  
"I Sing the Mighty Power of God”  
ELLCOMBE

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
Michael Burkhardt

“All Glory Be to God on High”  
(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.