One of the youth anthems this morning is “God Gives Us a Future with Hope,” one of our favorites this year. The composer, Pepper Choplin, has adapted Jeremiah 29:11-14 in a stirring anthem of reassurance and encouragement that reminds us God has a plan for each of us.

The opening hymn today was also written with an eye to the future. Ernest W. Shurtleff penned the hymn for his 1887 graduating class of Andover Theological Seminary. This hymn, like “Onward, Christian Soldiers,” calls the faithful to fight in a war against sin to establish God’s kingdom of peace and love. The context of the hymn changes as we use it now; the conclusion of worship replaces graduation as “the day of march” that follows “days of preparation” into “fields of conquest.”

**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.

**Teachers:** Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Probst

**9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3

**Teachers:** Dan Gibson & Mauricio Estavil

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

**Teachers:** Mr. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

3rd-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:** Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**
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**Teachers:** Barbara Engelhart & Carissa Johnston

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks 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.**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Troy Harris, Shaun Flaherty
- Wayne Rodewald, Jarrett Mattson
- Jane Archerd, Sarah Flaherty, Kumar Kadarkarai
- Altha Long, Jenny Sanders, Richard Smith
- Steven Lawrence, Jr., Amy Locicero
- Melissa Schultz

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**

**ACOLYTES:**

(8:15) Kayla Dabbs

(11:00) Bryce Fulford

**GREETERS:**

(8:15) Youth

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**USHERS:**

(8:15) Anna Hamilton, Will Allen

Kelsey Probst, Pam Wood

(9:30) Morgan Peterson, Kim Peterson

(11:00) Alec Harris, Alex Booth, Will Curvin, Ben Curvin, Lynn Probst

**VAN DRIVER:** Joe Nelson

**WESTMINSTER YOUTH CHORUS**

Westminster Youth Choir Members:


Westminster Handbell Members:


Pierced (Youth Praise Band)

Drums: Heather Wood; Bass: Carissa Johnston

Guitars: Robert Wood & Lex Long; Keyboard: Mitchell Johnston

Vocals: Carissa Johnston, Brianna Winder, Aly Wolf, Robert Wood;

Director: Mark Johnston
FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN  Ally Wolf & Alyssa Bates
(Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  Alyssa Bates
“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.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING  Alyssa Bates

MUSICAL OFFERING  “The Potter's Hand”  Darlene Zschech
Westminster Youth Choir

*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  Robert Wood

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  Robert Wood
(Please turn off cell phones.)

HYMN           “We Receive God’s Promise”  BEECHER
(Please Remain Seated)
We receive God’s gracious promise, as we put our armor on, and the belt of truth around us; seek the reign of righteousness. We can withstand all evil, whether in the dark or dawn, With the armor of faith, and the shield of faith to guard us through life’s journey perilous. With the sword as your weapon, and the helmet of salvation, With the belt of truth around us; seek the reign of righteousness. Take the shield of faith to guard you through life’s journey perilous. With the helm of salvation, and the Spirit as your sword. Take the shield of faith to guard you through life’s journey perilous.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
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*HYMN #269  “Lead On, O King Eternal!”  LANCASTRIE

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