HYMN NOTES: “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” by George Matheson (1842-1906)
Matheson was born in Glasgow and was the pastor of St. Bernard’s Parish in Edinburgh. Although he was blind, he was a great preacher and writer. About this hymn he wrote, “the hymn was composed in the manse on the evening of June 6, 1882...It was the day of my sister’s marriage and the rest of my family were staying overnight in Glasgow. Something had happened to me which was known only to myself, and which caused me the most severe mental suffering. The hymn was the fruit of that suffering...I had the impression rather of having it dictated to me by some inward voice...I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes...It never received at my hands any retouching or correction.” It was first published in Life and Work, the record of the Church of Scotland (1883).

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church

September 15, 2013

“The Grand Essentials of happiness are having something to do, someone to love & something to hope for.”

~Thomas Chalmers

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, 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: Hallie Pelham & Pat cheek

1st & 2nd Grades Rooms 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Nancy Turner

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: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Join us as we open the book of John to study Chapter 1, verses 1-15. These 15 verses are a treasure often missed for its meaning. Class starts at 9:45, but come at 9:30 for coffee, cookies, and a time to chat. Bibles are provided, or bring your own.
Discussion led by Doug Sherlier.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
9/8-9/29: 4 week DVD series “The Case for Faith” by Lee Strobel & Gary Poole. Investigation of the Toughest Objections to Christianity. Georgiana Winder will lead the discussion on scripture and a Bible study guide addressing the most common objections to the Christian faith over the 4 week series. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion while enjoying cookies and coffee.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: “Christian.” Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you’ll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history.

Please send articles to Katie Pacana at Katie@northwoodpc.org.

DEADLINES FOR ALL PUBLICATIONS

THE MONITOR—Usually the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month
This publication is emailed to those providing email addresses.
SUNDAY BULLETIN—Info due 9/20 for 9/29 bulletin
(Please limit articles/announcements to no more than 4 lines)

THE WINDOW—MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:
Deadline: Thursday before the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Mailing: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Please send articles to Katie Pacana at Katie@northwoodpc.org.
FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children are dismissed to multi-age Sunday School class.)

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.”

WE GATHER
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
“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.”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
“Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*HYMN #4 “Praise the Lord, His Glories Show” LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION
“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.”

DECLARATION OF PARDON
“Devotion” John Ness Beck

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Together)
“Devotion” John Ness Beck

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Merciful God, Jesus’ life, and the manner of his death demonstrated that there was literally no limit to His love. He demonstrated how the values of Your kingdom are different from the world’s values. We confess we fail to practice unlimited love and live by the standards He established for us. Forgive us when we contribute to disunity or conflict in any of our relationships with one another. Empower us to be Your faithful witnesses. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH
Leader: What was Jesus’ greatest commandment?
All: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

WORSHIP CONTINUES
“Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.”

SCRIPTURE READING
“Not So in Haste, My Heart!” OLDFIELD CHANT

HYMN #400 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go” ST. MARGARET

*SUNDAY SCHOOL
“Toccata Brevis” Daniel E. Gawthrop

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Toccata Brevis” Daniel E. Gawthrop

**THE END**