Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church

September 8, 2013

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

~Thomas Chalmers

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL....
ANTHEM   “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing”    Gordon Young
Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer’s praise.
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia!
All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever.
Sing, kehouah’s mighty pow’r, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.
FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children are dismissed to multi-age Sunday School class.)

WE GATHER
(LET THE CONGREGATION BE SILENT, AND IN PRAYER AS THE MUSIC BEGINS.
PLease Turn Off Cell Phones.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Come, Let Us Worship the Lord”
Handbells: Dee Bryan, Blanche Parsons, Roger Winder
(ACOYSTES SYMBOLICALLY BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST & THEN TAKE IT OUT INTO THE WORLD.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(PLEASE COMPLETE THE BULLETIN INSERT, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE LATER IN THE SERVICE.)

*HYMN “O God, You Call to Service Day by Day”
Toulon
O God, You call to service day by day.
Your presence felt when in Christ’s name we pray.
Be with us now, in this most joyful hour,
as we move forward by Your grace and power.
Make us one people, striving toward Your will,
in faithful work, though bearing burdens still.
Bind us together in Your loving care,
as we move forward, led in deed and prayer.
Call us to wider fields of work to do
in city, nation, and the whole world through.
Grant us a vision of Your world at peace;
as we move forward, may that dream increase.
So may our lives reflect Our faith in You,
joyful and free, and dedicated too.
Bless now this church and people by Your grace,
as we move forward, in our time and place.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
O God, forgive us if we have made faith harder for others, by laughing at things they hold precious, or casting doubts on things they hold dear.
For give us if we have made goodness harder for others, by setting before them an example which would make it easier for them to go astray.
For give us if we have made joy harder for others, by bringing gloom instead of an encouraging word.
Forgive us, O God, for all the wrongness in our lives, and help us to walk together as brothers and sisters with something of Christ’s beauty and grace in us. We ask this in His name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Together)
“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.”

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
(Exodus 1:8-14; 2:23-25 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES
The Grand Essentials of Happiness: #1 “Something to Do”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place”
ST CATHERINE
(stanzas 1,2,4)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Lift High the Cross”
John Leavitt

(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 Hoffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU