MUSIC NOTES: In the year 1719 one of the greatest hymn writer of all time, Isaac Watts published one of the greatest hymns of all time. “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” is a metrical version of the first five verses of Psalm 90. Popularized by the Methodist movement and John Wesley who made a number of alterations of the text, none more compelling than the opening word (“O God, Our Help...”). Adopted by most hymnal editors, it nonetheless was restored in our hymnal to the line in stanza 5 “bears all its sons away.” The 1989 United Methodist Hymnal, “bears all who breathe away,” the 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal, “soothes our all away;” the 2012 Glory to God, “bears all our years away.”

An anthem today called “Raise Your Hands” was written (both words and music) by Heather Sorensen. Born in Illinois of Norwegian heritage she now lives in Dallas. If you read the text, it strongly hints that this could be a personal statement of the author’s own faith journey. She said, “As I travel around the country, I often tell people that there’s a little bit of blood and tears in each line; each phrase represents a very specific moment in my journey. While the title can be interpreted literally, the text goes much deeper than a physical ‘raising’ of the hands; it’s more of a symbolic lifting of our hands and our hearts to God.”

Westminster Youth Choir Members:

Pierced (Youth Praise Band)
Andrew Carlsedt, Drums; Carissa Johnston, Bass/Vocals; Mitchell Johnston, Keys/Vocals; Lindsey Peterson, Vocals; Heather Wood, Drums/Vocals; Robert Wood, Guitar/Vocals; Director: Mark Johnston

H.L.M. Puppet Ministry
Justine Ruiz, Kay Scheuermann, Nancy Stevens, Heather Wood, Pam Wood, Robert Wood

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

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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO….

Sunday, April 12th: Barbara McCausland, Harry Merker, Christopher Schultz
Monday, April 13th: Dee Bryant, Randy Gibson, Kasandra Mattson, Sandra Rasmussen
Tuesday, April 14th: Donald Faulkner, Jr., Eileen Nelson, Pokey Smith
Wednesday, April 15th: Bill Andrews, Joe Stevens
Thursday, April 16th: Fred Schaler, Jeanne Smith
Friday, April 17th: Ibelise Luther
Saturday, April 18th: Linda Howard, David Johnson

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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES: (8:15) Kayla Dabbs
(11:00) Kylie Crossley

GREETERS & USHERS:
The Youth of Northwood will be greeting and ushering this morning as we celebrate Youth Sunday!

VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds–5th Grade (2014/15 School Year) Room 3
Join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message.
Teacher: Justine Ruiz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Kim Blackmore & Amy Kemener

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
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 16.
Teachers: Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith

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.
Teacher: Andy & Stephanie Strelchek

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or remain in worship with their parents.
Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

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 Jackie Koels (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education
Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the “Elements” of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.
9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Join us as we complete our study of Daniel. Led by Bob Meier.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: Our church has a long history of support for Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. Thornwell’s Development Director for Florida, Dennis Reid, will give us an update on the miracles God is working through this ministry along with information about the new Building Families initiative. Coffee and cookies provided.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God’s love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.
FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/14) 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
“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

MUSICAL OFFERING “Raise Your Hands”  Heather Sorenson
Raise your hands when you’re high upon the mountain, and you know that you’ve been blessed.
Raise your hands when you start your day with nothing, and you end with even less.
Raise your hands to the One who gives us ev’rything, yet He shines in emptiness.
Raise your hands when you’re off’ring up the sacrifice that you want to claim as yours.
Raise your hands, reaching up to heaven, when your heart’s bowed to the floor.
Raise your hands, trusting in the grace of God that has carried you before.
I will lift my hands to You, and bless Your name forever.
I will lift my hands to You and bless Your holy name.
Raise your hands when your heart is full of worship, and your songs are filled with praise.
Raise your hands when the battle ends in vict’ry, and God’s glory is ablaze.
Raise your hands. Let the earth shout, “Hallelujah!” and the people shout, “Amen!”
Raise your hands, and the hands that have been emptied, God will fill them once again.

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OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; 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 477)
Psalm 90:9-12 (NRSV)

*HYMN #450 “Be Thou My Vision” (Please Stand.)
Psalm 90:9-12, Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

SERMON Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults

“What Time Is It?”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (stanzas 1-6)

*BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Toccata on EASTER HYMN”

(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.