Music Notes:
Two hymns today on this Gifts of Women Sunday are by women writers. Six stanzas of “Be Still My Soul” (819) were written by the German Katharine von Schlegel in 1752, then translated by Jane Borthwick in 1855. The words were coupled with an adapted section of Sibelius’s tone poem Finlandia for the 1933 hymnal of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
It was dropped from the 1990 The Presbyterian Hymnal, but restored with three stanzas in our present Glory to God. An omitted stanza reads:
Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears, Then shalt thou better know his love, his heart, who to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears. Be still, my soul: they Jesus can repay from his own fondness all he takes away.
A second hymn today, “God of Forgiving Grace,” was written in the 1950’s by Marian D. Ford, President of the Woman’s Mission Society of New Jersey. The music had been composed a few years earlier by Eli-noyre Geer while a student in college. Mrs. Geer has been a member of Northwood Presbyterian Church since 2014.

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: Barbara Englehart
9:30 am Children’s Christian Education
3 yr. olds–Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Dan Gibson & Mauricio Estrada, Diane Muto
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: Todd & Kathleen Pope
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: Joyce Curvin & Pam Jefere
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: Don & Nancy Stevens
Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table
Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please bring 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
Come join us for our high school worship service. 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 study the life of Joseph in Genesis. Led by Bob Meier.
TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
Today: The class will have opportunities to join the discussions from articles that were posted during the first quarter of this year in CHRISTIAN CENTURY. The topics will vary but are designed to prompt discussion. Bill Binner will lead the class.
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.

Faithfully Serving Northwood Church Today
Acolytes:
(8:15) Nadia Rodewald
(11:00) Kylee Crossley
Greeters:
(8:15) Loisanne Bilka, Gwen Reeder
(11:00) Linda O’Leary, Evelyn Towns
Ushers:
(8:15) Bunny Bitner, Connie Evans, Betty O’Shea, Sue Walker
(9:30) Kim Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Nancy Johnson, Pat Rabenstein, Carol Ruthmill, Jessica Robicheau
Van Driver: Ed Paschmann

Baptism Blessings To:
Sunday, April 26th:
Elias Jeffre, Isaac Jeffere, Diane Lynn, Jessie Lusk, Tom Michaels
Monday, April 27th:
Shaun Flaherty, Olivia French, Troy Harris
Tuesday, April 28th:
Elinore Geer
Wednesday, April 29th:
Jarrett Mattison, Wayne Rodewald
Thursday, April 30th:
Jane Archerd, Sarah Flaherty
Friday, May 1st:
Althia Long, Richard Smith
Saturday, May 2nd:
Steven Lawrence, Jr.
If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

Litany For All The Faithful Women
One: Creator God, we thank you for women who are filled with your life-giving Spirit;
All: for women who speak truth;
One: for women who advocate for justice;
All: for women with words from the divine;
One: We lift our voices in gratitude for women who give the gift of knowledge, proclaiming your saving grace, in pulpits and women’s groups, session tables and kitchen tables, boardrooms and family rooms, Sunday schools and quilting circles.
One: We lift our voices in gratitude for named and unnamed women who lead us in God’s way. For Ruth and Naomi, whose destinies were intertwined,
All: we thank you, God.
One: for Mary and Elizabeth, who blessed each other,
All: we thank you, God.
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E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o’er those waters to the city far away.

Refrain
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

Refrain

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

Kay Scheuerman

(Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

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