HYMN NOTES: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (629)
This hymn is taken from the 12th century Latin poem “Jesus dulcis memoria” which has been attributed to the French Benedictine monk, Bernard of Clairvaux. There is much debate as to whether the hymns ascribed to Bernard (1091-1153) were actually written by him. It is agreed that whoever wrote the hymns reflected the type of religious life emulated by Bernard. He brought to religious life a mystic faith and an emotional intensity that enable him to lead kings, emperors, and popes. The Latin text was translated into the hymn we sing by the Englishman, Edward Caswall in 1849.

SUMMER EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year), Room 16
Join us in the multi-age Sunday School in Room 16 at 9:00 AM.
Teachers: Hayley Parker & Brianna Weyn

1st - 5th Grades, Rooms 8 & 10
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 rooms 8 & 10.
Teachers: Melissa Patel & Kayla McDermott

10:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth – 2nd grade if needed.

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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education
There will be no Sunday School for Middle and High School throughout the summer! See you in the Fall at Discovery Day!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHEW ON THAT! Bi-Weekly Adult Christian Education
TODAY: Communion
Paul gives us a basic framework with which we celebrate the Lord’s Supper (1Cor 11:23b-26) – and also provides some useful advice for our preparation and celebration (1Cor 11:27-34). How do we make this sacrament ours – individually and corporately? We will meet in rooms 9-11 at 9:45 am for fellowship and at 10:05 for our topical “chew”. We hope that both traditional and contemporary worshippers will try us out! Remember to bring your favorite nibble to share. Our abundance will enhance the hallway fellowship between and after services.

The TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)
We will begin the 2015-2016 year on Sunday, September 20th in Rooms 9 and 11 with a two-week study looking at the relationship between truth and change and dealing with the questions: “If something is true, how can it change?” and “If something changes, how could it have been true in the first place?” We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as members of the church and members of society. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion. At present, it is believed to be true that coffee and cookies will be available.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO….
Sunday, August 23rd:
Mary Dudley

Monday, August 24th:
Dylan Cantin, Rachelle Cox,
Nancy Ericson, Violet Lawrence

Tuesday, August 25th:
Chasen Devincenzi, Hayley Parker

Wednesday, August 26th:
Jayla Davis, Steve Schultz

Thursday, August 27th:
Chris Hurst, Fred McQuown, Christine Wolf

Friday, August 28th:
Gene Baker, Lindsey Childs-Kean,
Melissa Michalk-Long, Dorian Latorre,
Earle Lusk

Saturday, August 29th:
Al Holden, Charry Walker

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

ACOLYTE:
Kylie Crossley

GREETERS:
Margaret Mawhinney & Nancy Ericson

USHERS:
(9:00) Bill & Louise Mylin
(10:30) Art & Jeanette Holloway
Ed Puschmann, Bob MacFall

VAN DRIVER:
Ed Puschmann

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A Stephen Ministry Church
August 23, 2015

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August 23, 2015  
13th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER
(LET THE CONGREGATION BE SILENT, AND IN PRAYER AS THE MUSIC BEGINS.  PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES.)

CALL TO WORSHIP
OPENING VOLUNTARY  
“Sacred Harp Medley” Dick Casper, Violin  
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSTING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #804  “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

WE CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581  GLORIA PATRI

“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.”

SOLO

“Arise, My Soul, Arise” Cindy Huffman, Alto Dick Casper, Violin

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.)

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  
“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”  
Emma Lou Diemer *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.

*HYMN #629  “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 788)  
Matthew 7:7-11 (NRSV)

*HYMN #629  “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”  
ST. AGNES

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 433-434)  
Psalm 20 (NRSV)

SERMON  
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.

*HYMN #175  “Seek Ye First”  
LAFFERTY

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY  “Cortege”  Gordon Young (1919-1998)

(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.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“All the People Said Amen”

MEET & GREET

“Live Like That”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Trust and Obey”  
Solos: Aly Tobissien & Daniel Marshall

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Am Not Alone”

VIDEO—“True Cravings”

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 20

MESSAGE

“Desires of the Heart”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“We Believe”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

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