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EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

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3 Yr. Olds-5 Yr. Olds Room 3
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston
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Welcome to Northwood Presbyterian Church
An Stephen Ministry Church

August 24, 2014

Dear Members and Friends of Northwood,

Thank you to those who have made financial commitments toward our Building Renovation Campaign to date. We now have generous pledges of $60,188 but we still need $19,812 to renovate the main restrooms of our church and Day School. Pledge cards are available in the pews and on the table outside the center sanctuary doors to help us reach this important goal. Pledges are requested to be calculated over 18 months with gifts being completed by December 2015 or before. Every gift counts!

Your pastor and friend,

Chris Curvin

"Building Renovations for the Future"
Current Funds Pledged: $60,188

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FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!
Please join us on Tuesday nights this fall as we study about Discerning the Voice of God (Priscilla Shirer, author). Beginning September 30th, we will meet for seven weeks from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Workbooks are $12.00 each. Contact Pam Means to sign up: 386-0747 (call or text) or email at psm260@gmail.com. Come grow in your faith and enjoy new/old friends!
Order for the Public Worship of God
August 24, 2014
11th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
Linda Feller/Dan Gipson

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” arr. Ed Hogan
Eric Briggs, Alto Saxophone

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Place complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it
in the offering plate later in the service).

*HYMN #687 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Faithful and loving God, you have committed to walk  with us throughout
this journey called life. We confess that all too often we have taken your
presence, provision, protection and guidance for granted. When we feel we
are in control and climbing toward the mountain top of our dreams, we
easily praise and exult ourselves. When we find ourselves descending down into
the valley of loss and struggle, we are quick to blame and to call into
question your promises and your faithfulness. Dear Lord, forgive our arro-
gance and our fickle faith. By your grace, enable us to live our life journeys
through the eyes of faith, so that we may give to you the honor due your
name, for it is in Jesus’ name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #81 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.”

ANTHEM
“I Will Lift My Eyes” Mark Hayes
Barbara Jordan, Clarinet
(text adapted from Psalm 121:1-8)

I will lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
My hope is in the Lord. He will not let you stumble. He will not let you fall.
The one who watches over you neither slumbers nor sleeps at all.
The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm. He will guard your life.
The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN
(8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children’s church is taking a break through August.
Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.)

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
“Hymn Prelude on DUNDEE” Flor Peeters
(based on the tune of the next Hymn #45) (1903-1986)

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 978) Hebrews 12:1-3 (NRSV)

*HYMN #45 “I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes” DUNDEE
(Please Stand.)

SCRIPTURE READING (page 498) Psalm 121 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Stop, Look and Listen to the Psalms:
#8 “A Traveling Psalm for Life’s Journey”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

*Benediction

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata on ST. ANNE” 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.

LET THE COUNCITN BEGIN

PRAISE SONGS
“O For A Thousand (Hallelujah)”
“Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)”

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“Your Name (Yours Will Be)”

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