

MUSIC NOTES:

Pastor Chris' benediction last week called to mind a beautiful anthem that we sing today, "When the Angels' Song Is Silent." This thought-provoking and joyful text reminds us as we move past Christmas Day that the promise is more than the familiar characters of the manger scene-it includes God's great love that involves a cross and a tomb! This anthem from 1998 is by the writing team (who are also husband and wife) John Carter and Mary Kay Beall. They both have over 40 years of church music experience as a director and soloist in local churches in addition to publishing hundreds of choral anthems and other church music. They make their home in Columbus, Ohio.

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: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Kim Blackmore & David Hamilton

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 5
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 5.
Teachers: Stephanie & Andy Strelcheck

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 Koski (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 study different Biblical Figures each week! Coffee and cookies are provided!

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

January 11 & 25: Whose money is it? How do we prioritize allocating resources? We'll use the tenets of our reformed faith and Scripture as Garry Justice and Barbara Englehart lead our discussion of God and Wealth. Be part of the conversation while enjoying cookies and coffee.

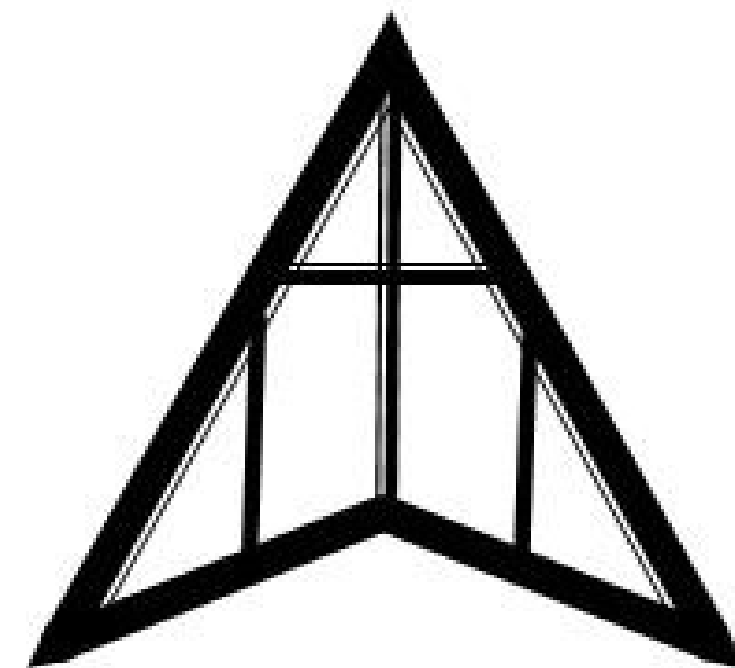
11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church**

January 11, 2015



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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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, January 11th:** Andrew Carlstedt, Shannon Dipolito, Elaine Findley, Chelsea Luther
- Monday, January 12th:** Michele White, Megan Giese
- Tuesday, January 13th:** Kristen Kelly, Alice Nisk
- Wednesday, January 14th:** Alyssa Beach, Brooke Estavil, Ashley Long, Nick Papolos, Brianna Winder,
- Thursday, January 15th:** Chip Hill, Kay Maza
- Friday, January 16th:** Kathy Bailey, Nora Gunderman, Josh Pursley, Zack Pursley
- Saturday, January 17th:** Sue Allen, Nancy Baker, Preston Mkutumula, James Nelson



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

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Nadia Rodewald
- (11:00) Kylie Crossley



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Fran & Bill Newman
- (11:00) Linda & Mike O'Leary



USHERS:

- (8:15) Fred Heider, Don Morrison, Norman & Jeanne Smith
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Dean & Pat Rabenstein, Ken & Martha Tobiassen

VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

**Order for the Public Worship of God
January 11, 2015
Baptism of the Lord
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 (8:15) Barbara Moler
(11:00) Jane Sumwalt

OPENING VOLUNTARY Maurice Duruflé
"Prelude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie" (1902-1986)

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN** "Down by the Jordan" LOBE DEN HERREN

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!

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WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Eternal God: you make all things new. We confess we have spent time with-
out loving and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily
we have done wrong and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do
not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to
love and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.
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."

ANTHEM "When the Angels' Song Is Silent" arr. John Carter

*When the angels' song is silent and the star is not so bright,
When the stable door stands open in the cold midmorning light,
When the angels' song is silent, and the shepherds have gone home,
Then the promise of Christmas begins.*

*When the angels' song is silent and the prophecy's fulfilled,
When the swaddling clothes are folded and the baby's cry is stilled;
When the angels' song is silent and the drama is all done,
then the promise of Christmas begins.*

*For the promise is more than a child in the hay,
More than shepherds and kings and a glad Christmas Day.
Yes, the promise is more than a bright star above.
It's a cross! And a tomb! And a Father's great love!*

*When the angels' song is silent and the kings have come and gone,
All the world is changed forever, for the echo lingers on.
When the angels' song is silent, God is nearer than before,
And the promise of Christmas, the wonder of Christmas,
the glory of Christmas begins.*

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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 arr. David Cherwien
"Sing of God Made Manifest"
(based on the Epiphany hymn at #156 in Glory to God)

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDRETH
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 1) Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

***HYMN #630** "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN
(Please Stand.)

SCRIPTURE READING (page 815) Mark 4:1-11 (NRSV)

SERMON "Beginnings" Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #664** "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY arr. David Cherwien
"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"
*(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.*

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message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
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LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

"A New Hallelujah"
"Because of Your Love"

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

"Whom Shall I Fear"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

"My Savior, My God"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

"God Is Love"
Larry Stephen

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:1-11 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

"Beginnings"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Fires"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!