CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kelly Tighe & Kim Blackmore
2nd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Sydney Blackmore & Justine Davis.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we are currently studying the Book of Exodus.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
In November, a Chinese researcher claimed he helped make the world’s first genetically edited babies. If true, how does this affect our views of the uses of DNA research? Who makes the decisions of how to pursue such research and by what criteria? Barbara Englehart will lead our discussion while we enjoy coffee and cookies.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

11:00 A.M. “Journey Through” Room 4, led by Vanessa Celotto
THIS CLASS WILL NOT MEET THE MONTH OF JANUARY.
Journey Through is an adult Sunday school class in room 4 from 11:00-11:45 that coincides with the youth Sunday school class. It is an awesome opportunity for you and your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together in a way that is relevant to each of your lives. Don’t have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That’s okay! The class is open to everyone and it’s the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood. If you are in need of childcare, please sign your child/children in at the nursery.

6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study
This class will NOT meet this Sunday but will resume on January 13th. This Bible study meets at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

Welcome To
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January 6, 2019

“The Day of Celebration”
On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new, God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you. You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history. In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair. In your world made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear. Now Christ has died and Christ has risen! At this new year we proclaim: Yesterday, today, forever — Jesus Christ is still the same!

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring. Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing. How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand? By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

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Order for the Public Worship of God
January 6, 2019
Epiphany of the Lord
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

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

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
Chris Curvin, Pastor
(with organ and bells)
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
People: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
Leader: Why would we do that?
People: Because his kindness last forever.
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People: Because his kindness last forever.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“The First Nowell” (based on the carol at #827)
(please be seated)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(Together)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581
GLORIA PATRI

Glorify in the highest
our Savior Jesus Christ;
and give thanks
for all his benefits.

ANTHEM
“We Three Kings”
Soloists: Dennis Rasmussen, Robert Wood, Dick Casper
(text is at hymn #151)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“As with Gladness Men of Old” arr. Wilbur Held
(based on the carol at #827)

*DOXOLOGY #606
OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING AND ALTERNATIVE GIFTS

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 2:1-12
NRSV (pages 783)

SERMON
“The Wise Still Seek Him” Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN
“On This Day of Celebration” HYMN TO JOY
(see front cover)

ALLATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP;
THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

To symbolize our unity in Christ,
we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served
and then all partake as one body.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” George E. Beverst
(based on the carol at #827)
(1930-2007)
(please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #147
“The First Nowell” THE FIRST NOWELL

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WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(see front cover)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*SUNG BLESSING
“Spirit-Child Jesus” John D. Horton
(please be seated)

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*CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Three Kings’ March” Michael R. Barker
(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must
leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

Sermon notes...