Hymn Notes:

“Try God Be the Glory” (634)
Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) is possibly the most widely sung hymn author in America. Blind from the age of 6 weeks, she wrote over 8,500 gospel hymns, including 1000 unpublished manuscripts discovered in 1972 by Hope Publishing Co. She is also known for “Blessed Assurance,” “I Am Thine O Lord,” “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross,” “Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior.” Crosby was on the faculty of the New York School for the Blind and supplied texts for the most popular gospel hymn composers of her day. She was a lifelong Methodist and the wife of blind musician Alexander Van Alstyne. In Britain, she is known by her married name.

Usually a gospel hymn focuses on a personal testimony or shares a subjective aspect of faith, however this hymn is a remarkably objective celebration of God’s saving work in Jesus Christ. Our opening hymn today was written in 1875 but didn’t gain popularity until it was included in the Nashville Billy Graham Crusade in 1954.

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 Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.
2nd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Cassandra Fredrikson & Jean Swintek.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)
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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
Martha Tosbassen will lead us in a discussion of when, where and how is God’s will known. Where is it manifested? Come, participate, and 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 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 coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8276 for more information. Come join us!

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January 20, 2019
2nd Sunday after Epiphany
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.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: Look, here is the Lamb of God!
People: Jesus calls us: Come and see.
Leader: The Lord is about to do a new thing.
People: Speak, O God, for your servants are listening.
Leader: There are varieties of gifts, services, and activities,
People: but there is one Spirit, one Lord, and one God.
All: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Prélude sur l’Introit de l’Épiphanie” Maurice Duruflé
((Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
“Overcome”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(Together)
Almighty God, you express your great love for us by giving us grace upon grace to meet our needs and enrich our lives. Sadly, as we receive your blessings, we often live with a greater sense of entitlement rather than with a heart filled with faith and thanksgiving. Dear Lord, trusting in your mercy and grace, we ask for your forgiveness. By the work of your Spirit, enable us to be content and to find true joy in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Congregational Response
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
“And the Father Will Dance” Mark Hayes
As the Father will dance over you with joy! He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting a’ ye’re in song! And He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries.
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.
Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart; Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise, as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.

*HYMN #634
“To God be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
Anton Wilhelm Leopold (1869-1940)

*DOXOLOGY—#606
OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #156
“Sing of God Made Manifest” SALZBURG
(stanzas 1,3)

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
John 2:1-11 NRSV (page 863)

SERMON
“A Wedding, Wine and Faith”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN
“At a Marriage Feast” HENDON

As a marriage feast one day Jesus faced a host's dismay.
Heard his mother’s firm request and the jars of water blessed.
May our hearts be changed by Christ.

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When the steward of the feast tasted wine, the best, not least,
Filled servants knew the source, and the bridegroom felt remorse.
May our hearts be changed by Christ.

Seek the miracles within, that, with Christ, we may begin
Our true mission to enjoy and full employ.
May our hearts be changed by Christ.

—text by Lavon Bayler, From Refreshing Rains of the Living Word ©1988 The Pilgrim Press

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Rise, Shine, You People” David Cherwien
(If 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.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONG
“I Will Follow” “Fires”
MEET AND GREET
“God Is On the Move”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“What a Beautiful Name”

SCRIPTURE
John 2:1–11

MESSAGE
“A Wedding, Wine and Faith”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Our God”

*SUNG BLESSING
“At a Parting Blessing” Rachelle Cox, Soloist

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
GLORIA PATRI
GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU