Music Notes:
Once a year the youth of Northwood are privileged to lead all aspects of the worship services and so you see and hear the amazing work these young people do throughout the year in our five separate musical ensembles with youth. While most churches Northwood’s size, have very limited youth musical activities, we have two praise bands, two handbell choirs and a vocal choir singing in SATB (four parts). Mark Johnston and I (Tom Huffman) feel privileged to work with this talented bunch of young people. I hope you realize that there is a great deal of commitment required by these youth to produce what you hear today and throughout the year. Some are at church for three or more rehearsals every week. Many thanks to parents and families for support, assistance and transportation. “Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.” --Psalm 149:1

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 Chrissy Reborn.
2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with 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 will NOT be meeting for Sunday School this week. We will resume Sunday, May 5th.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) is an adult class that focuses on how our Christianity informs our attitudes toward modern scientific, political, religious and social challenges. Class members bring their wealth of experience to examine issues in a respectful environment, accepting divergent opinions and attitudes. Visitors are always welcome to explore whether this approach would enhance their Sunday experience at Northwood.
On April 28th, Garry Justice will conclude his four-part series on Church and State with a focus on Church and the Court.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger, join us on the journey for the truth about Jesus. In this video-based study based on “The Case for Christ,” we will sift through historical evidence and expert testimony to help us see Jesus in a new way and find our lives transformed. We will also gain the tools to talk about Jesus with those who question whether Jesus existed or whether he is a good man, a prophet or the Son of God. Come join us!

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study
This Study will NOT meet this Sunday and will resume Sunday, May 5th.
THE GATHERING
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.  
Please silence electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP  Sarah Birch
Leader:  All praise to God, the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, 
People:  whom we do not yet see, yet whom we love and trust!
Leader:  Let us come before him with thanksgiving and praise.
People:  Let us worship God and celebrate what God has done for us 
through his Son.

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “Inception”  Jason W. Krug
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

PRAYING THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
The 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.

CALL TO OFFERING  James Birch

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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.

PIERCED BAND  “Forever”  Kari Joe

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their 
parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
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CALL TO OFFERING  James Birch

MUSICAL OFFERING  “Elijah Rock”  Benjamin A. Tucker
Revelation Ringers

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  Hannah Fish

ANTHEM  “Shout, Sing Hallelujah”  Heather Sorenson
Westminster Youth Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV (page 940)

SERMON  “I Am...”  Vanessa Celotto, Director of Youth & Families

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

SUNG BLESSING  “May the Road Rise to Meet You”  Lori True
Westminster Youth Choir

*Hymn#441  “Hear the Good News of Salvation”  NETTLETON

*HYMN #677  “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”  MADRID

Hallelujah Ringers; Dylan Cantin, Percussion

ANTHEM  “Come, Flood This Heart of Mine”  David Lantz III
Westminster Youth Choir
Veronica Candreva, Violin
Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine. 
Come, Spirit, make Your home, my heart is Yours alone. 
Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine. 
Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your presence and peace 
Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour. 
Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place. 
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Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, you have accepted our Lord's sacrifice for our salvation. By 
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his disciples so that they might recognize him. We humbly confess that, 
while we know the story and believe it, it often has made too little differ 
ence in our lives, and at times we have been silent when we should have 
spoken up and shared this great good news. Forgive us, we pray, of these 
sins. Enable us today to reflect more deeply on the sacred story, that our 
obedience may increase, that our service may be more joyful, and our 
testimony may be more courageous. Hear us in the name of our risen Savior. Amen.

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
HANDBELLS  “Elijah Rock”  Benjamin A. Tucker
Pierced Youth Band

MEET AND GREET
PRaise SONGS
“Fires”  “Best of Me”  “Forever”  

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GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

IGNITE
ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the 
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must 
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