**Hymn Notes**

“Will You Come and Follow Me” by John L. Bell (726)

This text, titled “The Summons,” comes out of the life of the Scotch-Iona Community who had a practice of sending youth volunteers to live for a year or two in impoverished parts of Scotland. A song was frequently written at the end of their agreed period of service for a farewell service. So this was one of those songs—originally intended for one-time use around 1986—but has proved meaningful to many people and has been published in several hymnals including our Glory to God.

The first four stanzas with the questions are in Jesus’ voice, and the fifth stanza is our affirmative response to them. It is interesting to note the simplicity of the language. No word has more than two syllables. But simplicity of the language is not simplistic. “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide” for example, uses only monosyllables, but the question is profound.

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**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…**

**Monday, January 20:** Cheyenne Wassmuth

**Tuesday, January 21:** Jeffrey Wulf

**Wednesday, January 22:** Donita Lyon, Grayce Hanway

**Thursday, January 23:** Joan Fehringer, Patricia McNab

**Friday, January 24:** Mollie Davis

**Saturday, January 25:** Emily Cantin, Andrea Hayes

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

**The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Mike & Linda O’Leary In Memory of Daniel O’Leary**

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 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!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

8:15 & 11:00 AM

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds—2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)

Children 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.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

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 back-left-side of the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45AM for Sunday School where we will be starting our new series, Amplify.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

9:30 AM TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

TCI – Today’s Christian Issues – which meets every Sunday at 9:30 invites congregants of any age to come explore how our Christian values should inform our day-to-day life and our outlook to national and international issues. This week, Keith Nadig will continue his discussion of Iran continuing the history since 1950. Next week, Eleanor Ciocchi will examine human trafficking, a scourge around here and worldwide.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God’s word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus’ own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the Immersion Bible Studies—Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

(8:15) Anna & Dan Hyden

(11:00) Carol Bushnell & Polly Brown

**USHERS:**

(8:15) Rocky Davis & Earle Lusk

Patty Martin & Bob MacFall

(9:30) Kim Peterson & Marie Ziegler

(11:00) Pete Towns & Roger Sny

Sue Miskiewicz

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence

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**Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church**

**A Stephen Ministry Church Organized February 19, 1978**

**January 19, 2020**

**Come, Grow, Go!**

**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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In Thee, O Precious Lord, in Thee, Almighty King!
With grateful hearts we now rejoice, in Thee Exalted Son.
Let all creation praise Thy name, O Living One!
For death has lost the victory, and Thy head has been crowned.
In Thee, Exalted Son, eternal life is found,
To sing eternal joy and endless life, in Thee, O Precious Lord.
So now we humbly stand to sing in one accord.
Thy cleansing blood was freely given, to save a sinful race.
In Thee, O Precious Lord, is found redeeming grace.
Proclaiming honor, love, and power, in Thee, Almighty King.
In Thee, Almighty King, what majesties abound.
Within Thy Kingdom there is peace, and glories all around.
Thy name we now exalt, to Thee we gladly sing.
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CALL TO OFFERING
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*DOXOLOGY—#606
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Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
*HYMN #726
“We Will Come and Follow Me” - KELVINGROVE
WE GROW IN THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READING
John 1: 35-51(page 862)
SERMON
“Come and See” - Paul Means, Associate Pastor
WE GO OUT TO SERVE
*HYMN #182
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(please be seated)
Dick Casper, Soloist
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(see hymn #618, “O, Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”)
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