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Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)
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The ‘refrain’ of each stanza connects with today’s scripture Ecclesiastes
3:1-13 (unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.)

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Old/2nd Grade (9:20 School Year)
Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sun-
day School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Old/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 welcome to worship together in
the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, there
will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. There will be a Confirmation Interest Meeting at
10:45am in the youth room.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI – Today’s Christian Issues -- which meets every Sunday at 9:30 invites congre-
gants 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, Garry Justice
will lead a discussion on the Commandment “Thou Shall Not Steal” and what that
means for us today. Next week, Rev. Jack Alwood, H.R. will explore how we get our
“Breaking News” in light of the Good News that Jesus is Lord.

11:00 A.M. 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 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on
Sunday mornings in room 6 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 – Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and
Malachi by Linda B. Hinton. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a
book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lu-
cindyj@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length.
All are welcome! Come join us!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, February 2:
Emily Torres

Monday, February 3:
Meaghan Caccamise

Tuesday, February 4:
Chris Bryant, Drew Strelcheck, Jack Winder

Thursday, February 6:
Alyssa Bates

Friday, February 7:
Terry Steele, Pam Means, Kim Blackmore,
Jessica Catlin, Joshua Walker

Saturday, February 8:
Linda Ciokan, Bev Ventrella, Renee Voss,
Todd Pope, Ryan Weitz, Aidan McDermott

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

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**FaiTHFULLy SERVing Northwood Church today**

GREETERS:
(8:15) Nancy Stevens & Jay Basinger
(11:00) Eleanor Ciccheri & Cindy Gamble

USHERS:
(8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoonlein
(11:00) Jon Mills, Sharon Card, & Ed Puschmann

VAN DRIVER: Curtis Krueger

**The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by**

Barbara Schlerf
In Loving Memory of our Aunt Viola Applegate

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 someone or an anniversary/birthday!
Order for the Public Worship of God
February 2, 2020
4th Sunday after Epiphany
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: Praise be to God,
People: Creator of time and space,
Leader: Who has set eternity in the human heart.
People: Who gives us today in which we can be happy and do good.
Leader: Today, which is a gift from God, let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time.
People: For everything God does will endure forever.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Franklin D. Ashdown
(based on the tune of the opening hymn #645)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

HYMN #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUENDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Eternal God: you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can’t forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose; and the calendar reminds 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 GREATOREX
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.

*APPOSTLES’ CREED (Together)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM
“At the Table of the Lord” Jay Althouse
At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed. We remember how the word of Christ has spoken: “This is my body.” He said. At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured. We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord.
At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one. For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be, at the table of the Lord we shall be free.

OUR MINISTRY WITH 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.)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Hymn of Promise” John Ferguson
(based on the tune of the closing hymn #250)

*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
WE GROW IN THE WORD

HYMN #490 “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters” BEACH SPRING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S Supper

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Together)

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.

(To symbolize our union in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING THE SERVING

*HYMN #250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” PROMISE

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING
“A Blessing of Light” Joseph M. Martin
(please be seated)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Processional” William Mathias
(1934-1992)
(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.)

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONG
“Lion and the Lamb”
MEET AND GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAISE SONG
“King of My Heart/God Is So Good”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“O Come to the Altar”

SCRIPTURES
Ecclesiastes 3:1–8
John 3:1–10

MESSAGE
Sermon Series: The Time of Your Life
Sermon #1: “Half Time” Chris Curvin, Pastor

COMMUNION
COMMUNION MUSIC
“You Are Mine”
David Haas

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Way Maker”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU