**HYMNS:**

“Live into Hope” (772)
by Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)
The planning group for the National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women at Purdue University in July 1976 could not find a hymn to their liking that related to the conference theme “Live into Hope.” That drove the author to her typewriter where she produced twelve stanzas that could be sung to the familiar tune TRUBO. She gradually reduced those to the four stanzas we have in Glory to God. It was the first of many hymn texts she would write in the future—six of which appear in our hymnal. The anonymous tune has always been known as TRUBO but no one knows how it might be connected to that famous cathedral city of Cornell (the most southwestern county of the UK).

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…**

Sunday, Oct. 9: Nancy Holleman, Tom Donnelly, Davonne Irlon, Amy Kemper, Ellis Cantin

Monday, Oct. 10: Ethel Cargill, Claire Cantin

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Gloria Whittfeld, Jerry Koski, Jacob Pope

Wednesday, Oct. 12: Nancy Stevens

Friday, Oct. 14: Jean Counts, Bunny Bitner

Saturday, Oct. 15: Bill Bilka, Sarah Jahosky, Carey Stevens, Philip Mackie, Warrick Williamson

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

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:**

(8:15) Jude Johnson
(11:00) Claire Cantin

**GREETERS:**

(8:15) Lorrie Janusik & Betty O’Shea
(11:00) Ed Puschmann & Eleanor Cicerchi

**USHERS:**

(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
Don & Polly Hamilton

(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
Ken & Martha Tobiassen
Polly Brown & Nancy Johnson

**VAN DRIVER:** Art Holloway

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 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—Kindergarten. Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Long and Joyce Curvin.

1st-2nd Grade. Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Meagan Decker and Justine Ruisz.

3rd-5th Grades. Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Cassondra Fredriksen and Jean Swintek.

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 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.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class – Rooms 9 & 11**

How do we pray? Do we recite well-known Scripture? Do we have a conservation of Out-loud? In our hearts? We’ll look at our experiences and Scripture with Barbara Englehardt as we talk about how we pray. This may be an opportunity to learn ways to make prayer life more meaningful while enjoying coffee and cookies.

**9:30 Serendipity Class in rooms 13 & 15 at 9:30—We are continuing our study of “Being A Presbyterian”. This week the class will look at “The Many Faces of Presbyterian Polity”.

11:00 Experiencing God Class in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

All are welcome!

**Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church**

_A Stephen Ministry Church_

_October 9, 2016_

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your cards of concern and queries about my illness with severe bronchitis over the past month. As most know, I was not able to preach a few weeks ago without coughing every sentence. I am grateful to our Associate Pastor, Paul Means, who was ready all week to step in and did so. I am still in disbelief that this happened to me! Don’t we all say that when a surprise happens to us, especially in our health? I am getting better and I am also on record that I do not like surprises except if it is good news. How about you?

You will, I hope then, not be surprised to hear that all of us will need to consider increasing our giving and pledges for the coming year to Northwood. All of us need to begin thinking about this prayerfully. Our Stewardship Team will send out a letter, with a pledge card, this month asking you to make an increased gift which reflects your priorities for the coming year. We ask that you return a pledge card on Dedication Sunday, November 13, or as soon as you can thereafter.

I am also offering a sermon series based on the theme, “The Christian Wallet” as we consider our giving for 2017. I will offer statistics and examples that I hope will challenge us to consider our spending and what percentage of our income we give back to God. The theme is based on a book by the same name by the author, Mike Slaughter. He challenges us to consider how we spend what we earn and how we give back to God with a Christian conscience in our consumer-driven world. He writes, “We understand, for example, that all of us are called to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. But what about our wallets and purses?”

Thank you for your giving so far this year. If you want to make an over and above gift, please contact our church office. There are many areas of church life that need your support. Every gift counts to the glory of God as we seek to be a church that is healthy and faithful to God.

Chris Curvin, Pastor
Order for the Public Worship of God
October 9, 2016
21st Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

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

CALL TO WORSHIP
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: Give thanks to God, who is our peace.
People: We give thanks with all our hearts.
Leader: Praise the Lord, who makes us whole.
People: We praise the holy name of God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Healer of Our Every Ill” Marty Haugen/Keith Kolander
(based on the hymn at #795)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chris Curvin, Pastor

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

HANDBELLS PROCESSIONAL AND HYMN INTRODUCTION
Middle School Handbell Choir

*HYMN #157 “I Danced in the Morning”
LORD OF THE DANCE

WE CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. You offer us your grace, but we fail to show our gratitude. You heal us by your mercy, but we fail to give you glory. Forgive us, God of grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
*HYMN #581 “Assurance of Pardon”
(based on the tune of the closing hymn, #772)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING
MUSICAL OFFERING “Prelude on DISTRESS” Dale Wood
(based on the hymn at #780)

*MUSICAL OFFERING—#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.

*Doxology—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 17:11-19 (page 852)
HYMN #179 “Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn”
(based on the tune of the closing hymn, #772)

SERMON
Sermon Series: The Christian Wallet
#1 “Help, Thanks, Wow!” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE SHARE

HYMN #772 “Live into Hope” TRURO

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Improvisation on TRURO” Michael Burkhardt
(based on the tune of the closing hymn, #772)
(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

*BENEDICTION

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONGS
“We Won’t Be Shaken”
MEET & GREET
“Greater”
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BAPTISM
Lars Magnum Greff
“The River”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
(3rd–5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“Draw Me Close”

VIDEO
“Thank You Notes”

SCRIPTURE
Luke 17:11-19

MESSAGE
Sermon Series: The Christian Wallet
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SONG OF DEDICATION
“One Thing Remains”

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