**HYMN NOTES:**

“Now Thank We All Our God” by Martin Rinkart (643)
This is one of the best known German hymns, not only in its original language but in many English language hymnals as well. For people in the USA it is often associated with Thanksgiving Day or with large public gatherings. Its origins were on a thoroughly different scale: the author intended it as a table grace for his family. It was written at the height of the Thirty Years’ War (1618-1648). There is much more gratitude here for much less than the benefits enjoyed by many people who now sing this hymn nonchalantly. In 1637 disease had ravished his community and Pastor Rinkart buried 4000 of the 8000 who died. Rinkart based his text on one of the books of the Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus (also called Sirach) 50:22-24. The Apocrypha was not yet being ignored, as it came to be in later Protestantism.

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**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

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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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**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 Amy Kemmerer & Justine Ruisz.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kristen Williamson & Bree Greff.

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 Todd & Kathleen Pope.

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

9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class will be joining TCI in rooms 9 & 11 through the holiday season.

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

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 12 & 14
Join us this evening as we continue studying Paul’s life and teachings to see how his call and his decision to accept the call can help us as we grow in Christ. The study book we will use is, “Paul: His Life and Teachings,” by Jack Kuhatschek. This is a discussion-based class facilitated by Cindy Huffman. All are welcome to join: males and females, singles and couples. Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.

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**COME, GROW, GO!**

**Welcome To**

**Northwood Presbyterian Church**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**

**November 20, 2016**

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**Hymns:**

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Jean Swintek
In honor of my granddaughter Kelsey’s birthday
Gene & Leota Eckert
In honor of our 71st wedding anniversary on November 24
Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2016 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!

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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**ACOLYTE:**
(11:00) Aidan McDermott

**GREETERS:***
(8:15) Elaine Comillaud
(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen

**USHERS:***
(8:15) Barbara Moler, Ellen Stoup
Bill Lewis, Don Morrison
(9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns
Roger Sny, Dean Rabenstine

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence
WE GATHER

Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. 
(No electronic devices.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, 
People: who has sent us a mighty Savior.
Leader: Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ, 
People: who reigns in glory forever.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Sanna, Sannanina” Traditional South African 
(Holy, Most Holy Lord) arr. Sandra Eithun
(this Sanctus appears at #597 in Glory to God hymnal)
Westminster Youth Handbell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Beth-El Tree

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #367

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

WE CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that “Jesus is King,” we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we give our greatest allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the faith and humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, and who has sent us a mighty Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 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 “Let All Things Now Living” arr. Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving, To God the Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stay’d us, Who guideth us on to the end of our days. His banners are o’er us, His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night, Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving To God in the highest hosanna and praise! Amen.

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

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

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each prayer we respond: 
God, our Savior, 
Hear our prayer.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

“For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. John Ferguson

*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

*HYMN #268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” DIADEMATA

WE HEAR THE WORD


SERMON “The Promise of Paradise Found” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #643 “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Now Thank We All Our God” Paul Manz

(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.)

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

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

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME “Sanna Sannanina” arr. Sandra Eithun
Westminster Youth Handbell Choir

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS “This Is Amazing Grace”

PRAYER “Soul on Fire”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION— Beth-El Tree

“Thy Will Be Done”
Solo, Cambia Carson Catarelli

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children’s Sunday School, please see Children’s Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Live Like That”

VIDEO “Our God Reigns”


MESSAGE “The Promise of Paradise Found” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION “Only King Forever”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU