MUSIC NOTES:

Many churches celebrate Reformation Day on October 31st or Reformation Sunday (today) to commemorate the day on which Martin Luther (1483-1546) nailed his 95 Theses to a church door at Wittenberg, Germany in 1517. If you do the math, you see that this year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the start of some significant changes in worship and theology. We owe a great debt to Luther and the other reformers. They stood for the purity of the gospel against church and state armed only with the Word of God. Congregational singing became very important and Luther has been forever linked with his “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott.” “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” became the “battal hymn of the Reformation” and is based on parts of Psalm 46. Luther authored both the words and the music in 1529. The harmonization we sing is by Johann Sebastian Bach who used the tune in his Cantata 80. Other composers have used it as well. Mendelssohn in the Reformation Symphony (1830), Wagner in “Kaisermarsch” (1871), and Meyerbeer in the opera Les Huguenots (1836).

The organ piece at the offering today is by Samuel Scheidt who lived about 100 years after Martin Luther. Luther wrote the melody and words to “Out of the Depths.” (Hymn #424). Scheidt was the first internationally significant German composer for the organ, and represents the flowering of the new north German style, which occurred largely as a result of the Protestant Reformation.

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

In Loving Memory of my parents, Herb and Mabel Williams

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2017 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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, Oct. 29:  James Baker, Carol Kirkwood, Roger Ulrich
Monday, Oct. 30: Don Drummond, Jason Corinlaud, Jessica Jones
Tuesday, Oct. 31: Elizabeth Curkan, Jessica Robicheau
Wednesday, Nov. 1: Faith Allen, Graham Pacana
Thursday, Nov. 2: Art Callan, Lucille McIntosh, Ed Bunch
Saturday, Nov. 4: Dave Pelham, Randy Gibson Jr., Emma Youngblood

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
ACOLYTE:
(11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:
(8:15) Loisanne Bilka, Carol Rathmell
(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen

USHERS:
(8:15) Dennis & Betty O’Shea
Howard Green, Gene Baker
(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
(11:00) Polly Brown, Eleanor Cicerechi
Pete Towns, Marty Huff

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 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 Justine Ruiz & Sydney Blackmore.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Alice & Charles Ellis.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Claudia Alwood & Jean Swintek.

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Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

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 will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service for the first 20 minutes, then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– TCI Class will meet today in rooms 9&11. The class will discuss the impact that Martin Luther had on the Christian Church over the last 500 years. It is hard to imagine what might have taken place without Martin Luther. Join us for discussion, coffee and cookies.

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

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978
October 29, 2017

Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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WE GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP
Chris Curvin, Pastor
Leader: God says I will make a new covenant, writing my law in your hearts.
People: We are justified by the gift of God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
Leader: Jesus says you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Voluntary on DUKE STREET” arr. Mark Albrecht
(based on the hymn at #265)
Justin Sokolowski and Palmer Wilhelm, Trumpets

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Lou Weislogel, Treasurer

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

*HYMN #275
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN FESTE BURG
(organ introduction by Rebecca K. Owens)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
If love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we jealous? If love is not patient, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus you have shown love which forgives imperfection; only
is not jealous or boastful, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #276
Out of the Depths Have I Cried Unto Thee” Samuel Scheidt
(based on Luther’s hymn at #424)

*HYMN #297
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” EIN FESTE BURG

WE CONFESS

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Out of the Depths Have I Cried Unto Thee” Samuel Scheidt
(based on Luther’s hymn at #424)

PRAYING OF DEDICATION

HYMN — Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING
Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #297
“In Christ Called to Baptism” ST. DENIO

WE SHARE

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG
“My Savior Lives”

MEET & GREET
“Your Love Defends Me”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“What a Beautiful Name”

VIDEO— “iServe”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:35-45 (page 823)

MESSAGE

Stewardship Series
Sharing God’s Vision #2 “Service”

SONG OF DEDICATION

“”A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU