CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 Kelly Tighe & Kim Blackmore.
1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Bree & Dan Greff.
3rd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Todd & Tanya Adkisson.

11:00 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.

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 Jackie Koski, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Middle & High School will not meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary for the 9:30 Ignite service.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class- Fred Heider will lead a discussion on the famous German theologian, Karl Barth, and his steadfast adulterous relationship and our continuing ability to rationalize departures from the Commandments. As always, active dialogue is welcomed. Coffee and cookies are available.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.
Order for the Public Worship of God
December 3, 2017
1st Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER
(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Chris Curvin, Pastor
Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.
People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!
Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!
People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Comfort, Comfort Now My People” Jonathan Reuss
(based on the hymn at #87)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

(8:15) Hymn #87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” GENEVAN 42

(11:00 Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
Stanza 1: Celestial Orff Ensemble with Sarah Birch, Soloist
*Stanza 2: All stand and sing
*Stanza 6: Celestial Orff Ensemble
*Stanza 7: All singing

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Lighting the Candle
(8:15) Bill & Patty Martin
(11:00) Art & Jeannette Holloway
The reader offers words about the candle of hope and reads from today’s text, Isaiah 2:2-3.

One: And so, Jehovah, God of Hope and Life, hear our prayer:
All: Lord Jesus, into our darkness, quickly come.
All Singing: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Holy God, we confess that far too often we do not walk in the light of your love. We use, manipulate and hurt others to get what we want, and all the while not taking seriously the poor and hungry. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to your transforming Word, so that we may be ready to live a life of faith and welcome you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwarried praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

ANTHEM
“Who But the Lord” Craig Courtney
O come, Thou bright and morning star And bring us comfort from afar. Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Noel Étranger” Louis-Claude Daquin

*ADOXOLOGY — #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 40:5-8 (page 582)

SERMON SERIES: The Promises of His Coming
Chris Curvin, Pastor
#1 “The Crooked Ways Made Straight”

ANTHEM
“A Voice Cries Out, Prepare the Way of the Lord”
Lloyd Larson
Janet Winder, Cindy Huffman, Roger Winder, Dick Casper

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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.

(To symbolize our unity 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 COMMUNION
“Savior of the Nations, Come” J. S. Bach
(based on the Advent hymn #102)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

(8:15) Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
arr. Stephanie Carson
Stanza 1: Celestial Orff Ensemble with Anna Fredrickson, Soloist
*Stanza 2: All stand and sing
*Stanza 6: Celestial Orff Ensemble
*Stanza 7: All singing

(11:00) *Hymn #87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” GENEVAN 42

*BENEDICATION

SUNG BLESSING
“E’en So Lord Jesus, quickly come” Paul Manz
(please be seated) Michele White, Soloist
Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might save. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Theocata on VENI EMMANUEL” John Behnke
(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.)

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Jody Beattie
In Honor of Betty Beattie’s Birthday!

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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY
ACOLYTE: Blake Ruisz
GREETERS: (8:15) Jay Basinger
(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns
USHERS: (8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis, Bill & Bunny Bitner
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoonlein
(11:00) VAN DRIVER: Ed Pucshmann