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–2nd Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Justine Ruisz & Chrissy Raborn.
3rd-5th Grade, Room 8
No Sunday School today. Children will remain in service with their families.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
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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 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– In “The Parable of the Talents”, Jesus tells the story of someone who points out the good traits of a servant. Today, in Rooms 9 and 11, the TCI class will begin a two-week discussion of how those traits can be applied to the creation of a new worshipping community. Coffee and cookies are always available.

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

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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Order for the Public Worship of God
December 10, 2017
2nd 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
Leader: Chris Curvin, Pastor
People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!
Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:
People: Prepare the way of the Lord!
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Festive Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL” George Schaefer (1919-2001)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL (stanza 1, 3, 4)

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE
Lighting the Candle
(8:15) Mary Duffy, Kim & Sarah Flaherty
(11:00) Bryan, Nicole, Bryce and Logan Bullis

The reader offers words about the candle of hope and reads from today’s text, Isaiah 11.

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

WE CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
God of prophets: in the wilderness of Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son. We confess that we have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Help us to hear good news, to repent, and be ready to welcome the Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #108 (stanza 5) DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Hymn #72 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFYDOL

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 35)
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
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Joseph M. Martin
Westminster Youth Choir

Watchman tell us of the night. Tell us of the coming Light.
Comfort, comfort ye my people. Sing of peace, thus saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness, morning ‘neath their heavy load.

Comfort, comfort ye my people. Sing them a song of peace.
Tell them their warfare is over.

VENI, VENI, VENI EMMANUEL! Behold the coming of the Lord!
Watchman tell us of the night, tell us of the coming dawn,
Hark, the voice of one who crieth. Tell us of the coming of the Lord!
Fill our hearts with hope and light. Calling to a world in darkness.

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 #103 “Come, Now, O Prince of Peace” O-SO-SO

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON SERIES
The Promises of His Coming Chris Curvin, Pastor
#2 “Peace”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Sung Blessing
“Peace Be with You” Hal H. Hopson
Sarah Flaherty and David Hamilton, Jr.

*Benidiction
Peace be with you. Grace and love be multiplied. Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Lift Up Your Heads” arr. David M. Cherwien
(based on the Advent hymn #93)

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

THE FLORAL OFFERING
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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Sung Blessing
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFYDOL

*Benidiction
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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

AColyte:
(11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:
(8:15) Loisanne Bilka, Jay Basinger
(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns

USHERS:
(8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis, Bill & Bunny Bitter
(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
(11:00) Mike & Linda O’Leary, Cindy Whiteside, Ed Puschman

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Eric & Marcy Kemerer In Honor of Kurt’s 15th Birthday!

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