Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church

October 27, 2013

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Prosser

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Tracey Birch

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.
Teachers: Kay Scheuerman & Pam Wood

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

The vision for the children of NPC is to attend worship with their parent or guardian, plus one hour of Sunday School. Please see above for the schedule of classes available. All three hours of the Children’s Sunday School study the same lesson.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15 TODAY:
We’ll finish John, chapter 4. He’s gradually showing he is the Messiah. His healing of the soul and acceptance of him is paramount. We’ll also touch the beginning of chapter 5. Class starts @ 9:45 but come a little early for a time to chat and have a cup of coffee. Jane Sutton, one of the leaders.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11 TODAY:
We learned on October 20 what it means to be a member of a Reformed church. Now let’s explore further a key element. What is forgiveness? Why does it matter? What does Scripture say? What are our experiences? Please plan to contribute to this conversation while enjoying coffee and cookies.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: “Christian.” Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you’ll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.

The Ministers:
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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"Opening the Door"
Order for the Public Worship of God
October 27, 2013
23rd 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 cell phones.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY #315 Julian B. Rush
“In the Midst of New Dimensions”
(All sing stanza 5 with the choir)

(Worshipers symbolically in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP—“Opening the Door to Mission” Sue Miskewicz

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service).

*HYMN #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

WE CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
O God of hope, how often we have lived as if there were no hope to be found. Do we not look for the brightness of Christ’s love in the shadows. We have forgotten how to share hope with those in need. Forgive us our short-sightedness and give us the vision to see you at work in the world around us. In the name of Jesus Christ, Son of David, have mercy on us. Amen.

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.”

HANDBELL VOLUNTARY #637 Susan Geschke
“Cantad al Señor” Celebration Ringers
(All sing after the voluntary, stanzas 1,2 of Hymn #637, “O Sing to the Lord”)

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN
(8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children are dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class.)

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.”

HYMN MOSAIC
from Glory to God
Susan Gajenta & Garry Justice, Readers

I. The people of God have sung songs from the beginning of time.
We sing in times of ceremony:
“David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and cymbals.” (2 Samuel 6:5, NRSV)
Hymn #327 (st. 1,2)

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

II. We sing because our God is so great and so good:
“We sing because God is so great and so good: Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings. Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts” (Psalm 33:2-3)
Hymn #26 (st. 1,2)

“Earth and All Stars” EARTH AND ALL STARS

III. We sing in times of celebration:
“Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day” (Psalm 81:1-3)
Hymn #625 (st. 1,2)

“How Great Thou Art” HOW GREAT THOU ART

IV. We sing because it pleases God:
“We sing because it pleases God: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful…For the Lord takes pleasure in his people” (Psalm 149:1,4a)
Hymn #748

“Go with Us, Lord” TALLIS’ CANON
(sing once in unison; repeat in canon beginning with right side; left side begins five notes later)

V. We sing in times of uncertainty and distress:
“I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom. When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives” (Matthew 26:29-30)
Hymn #215 (st. 1,3)

“What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDEROUS LOVE

VI. And we sing because it is part of our new life in Christ:
“Let the word of Christ dwell in your richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God” (Colossians 3:16)
Hymn #263 (stanzas 1-4)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” CORONATION

MUSIC NOTES:
It will take us a while to discover all the wonderful resources contained in the pages of the new hymnal, Glory to God. Take some time over the next few weeks/months to leaf through and make your own discoveries. The first 48 pages contain suggested Services of Worship and other texts used in worship, followed by 853 hymns (compared to just over 600 in the former hymnal). Also included are a number of indexes that sort the hymns according to scriptural references and topics—a help if planning a program, devotion, or worship service. In all, 1018 pages in the book!
Our goal today is to give you a small sampling of some old favorites and a couple of brand new ones.