**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 Propst

**9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.

**Teachers:** Dan Gibson & Mauricio Estavil

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

**Teachers:** Mr. Bill Sutton & Marcy Kemerer

3rd-5th Grades Room 8

**Teachers:** Eric & Amy Kemerer

**3–5th 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:** Eric & Amy Kemerer

**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

In the coming weeks, let us prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. 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 this process, please contact elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team the week prior to communion Sunday.

**9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15 TODAY:**
Doug Shierling is going to devote the class period to Christmas. Join us and see what he has for us. Class starts at 9:45, but come a little early for coffee and a time to chat.

**TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11 TODAY:**
Use of money: Secular or Sacred. Join us as Ken Tobiasen leads our discussion. The class meets in rooms 9 & 11 with coffee and cookies.

Please note our class will not meet Sunday, December 29th. We will resume Sunday, January 5th.

**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.

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**HYMN NOTES:**

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” (#123)

This text was written by Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, who was deeply involved in the “social gospel.” It was first published in The Christian Register in December 1849. This was the first of the carol-like hymns from American poets. Hymns stressing the social message of Christmas (peace on earth, goodwill) are distinctly American. Based on Luke 2:13-14, it is a call for us to respond to the song of the angels and to send back to heaven the message that we will make peace on earth. After 2000 years, we are still working on that.

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

Mark & Beulice Luther
In Honor of Our Son, Jon-Jon’s 15th Birthday

Carol Bushnell
In Loving Memory of Lauren Bushnell

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2013 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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

Sunday, December 22nd: Jonathan Luther, Sharon O’Donnel,
Steve Rickorde

Monday, December 23rd: Greg Brinkman, Larry Grennan

Tuesday, December 24th: Keith Kelly, Kate Schenk

Wednesday, December 25th: Bill Bitner, Bobbi Hunt, Patty Martin,
James Moore, Jane Urban

Thursday, December 26th: Jim Warren

Friday, December 27th: Barbara Stone, Sally Uhler

Saturday, December 28th: Emma Heycock, Charlotte McQuown

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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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:**
(8:15) Isaac Jeffre
(11:00) Kylie Crossley

**GREETERS:**
(8:15) Don Morrison
(11:00) Jane Sumwalt

**USHERS:**
(8:15) Ellen Stoup, Patty Martin
Jackie & Jerry Koski
(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Brooke Allison, Nancy Johnson
Dane & Vicki Phillips

**VAN DRIVER:** Joe Nelson

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**Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

December 22, 2013

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Order for the Public Worship of God
December 22, 2013
4th Sunday of Advent
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
“Away in a Manger”
Arr. Joel Raney
Jubilation Ringers; Adrianne Clover, flute; Tom Huffman, piano
(ACOLYTES SYMBOLICALLY BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST & THEN TAKE IT OUT INTO THE WORLD.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*HYMN #113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE—1 Corinthians 13:4-7, 13
(8:15) The Wood Family: Dallas, Pam, Robert & Heather
(11:00) The Mills Family: Jon, Vickie, Eric, Amy, McKenna & Matthew

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN #85 TIP IN VELDELE
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”
(ALL FOUR STANZAS.)

WE GATHER

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(GOD OF THE FUTURE: YOU ARE COMING IN POWER TO BRING NATIONS UNDER YOUR RULE.
WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE NOT EXPECTED YOUR KINGDOM. WE HAVE LIVED CASUAL LIVES, AND IGNORED YOUR PROMISED JUDGMENT. JUDGE US, O GOD, FOR WE HAVE BEEN SLOW TO SERVE YOU. FORGIVE US, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT, JESUS, OUR SAVIOR, WHOM WE WORSHIP WITHOUT GIVING HIM ENOUGH ATTENTION.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #88 (STANZA 2) VENI EMMANUEL
O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who ord’rest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

ANTHEM
“Away in a Manger” arr. John Rutter
(The text is at Hymn #115 in Glory to God.)

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Worship.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING
MUSICAL OFFERING
“What Child Is This”
Barbara Jordan & Larry Stephen

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (PAGE 783) Matthew 1:18-25 (RSV)
CHRISTMAS HYMS (PLEASE REMAIN SEATED.)
#117 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” WINCHESTER NEW
(Stanzas 1, 4)
#110 “Love Has Come” BRING A TORCH
(Stanzas 1, 2)
#108 “Of the Father’s Love Regotten” DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
(Stanzas 1, 6)
SCRIPTURE READING (PAGE 792) Matthew 11:2-6 (RSV)
SERMON
“The Angel with Large, Protruding Front Teeth”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
Arr. Wilbur Held
(based on Martin Luther’s Christmas Hymn #111)
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
*CONGREGATION WILL STAND. IF STANDING IS DIFFICULT FOR YOU, FEEL FREE TO REMAIN SEATED.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN
LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE
The Wolf Family: Shawn, Christine & Ally

“A WAY IN A MANGER”
Jubilation Ringers; Adrianne Clover, flute; Tom Huffman, piano
Arr. Joel Raney

MEET & GREET
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
3RD-5TH GRADE CHILDREN DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“Love Came Down at Christmas”
Arr. Robert W. Thygerson

“A SKIT GUY’S CHRISTMAS”
The Wolf Family: Shawn, Christine & Ally

*A DOXOLOGY—#606

“A STRANGE WAY TO SAVE THE WORLD”
Dan Jeffre, Will Parker

“COMING FROM THE EAST”
The Wolf Family: Shawn, Christine & Ally

“HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING”
Tim Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

“OUR FATHER”
Linda Granata, Penny Whistle

“COME, O COME EMMANUEL”
Linda Granata, Cindy Huffman, Janet Winder

“MARY”
“MARY DID YOU KNOW”
Linda Granata, Cindy Huffman, Janet Winder

“JOSEPH”
“AWAY IN THE MANGER”
Steve Carson, Will Parker, Lex Long

“I HEARD THE HOLIDAY SONG”
Stephanie Carson, Will Parker, Lex Long

“THE FIRST NOEL”
Dan Jeffre, Will Parker

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Linda Granata, Cindy Huffman, Janet Winder

“CLEAN UP YOUR ROOM”
Stephanie Carson, Will Parker, Lex Long

“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”
Linda Granata, Penny Whistle

“A STRANGE WAY TO SAVE THE WORLD”
Dan Jeffre, Will Parker

“THE FIRST NOEL”
Linda Granata, Cindy Huffman, Janet Winder

“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”
Linda Granata, Penny Whistle

“EVERLASTING LOVE”
Christine Carson, Will Parker, Lex Long

“A STRANGE WAY TO SAVE THE WORLD”
Dan Jeffre, Will Parker

“SILENT NIGHT”
Stephanie Carson, Will Parker, Lex Long

“HE HAS COME FOR US”
Stephanie Carson, Will Parker, Lex Long

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Stephanie Carson, Will Parker, Lex Long

“BETHLEHEM SKIES”
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