HYMN NOTES:
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, #377
Words and music by Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
This hymn was first sung in the summer of 1966 in the Church of
the Redeemer, Houston, Texas, the home of Mrs. Thomerson’s family and
“the location of...the church to which the composer has deep emo-
tional ties.” Written in a gospel song style with strong musical phrases
and memorable biblical images about light, the coming—and second
coming—of Christ, makes this a good choice for the First Sunday of Ad-
vent. Numerous references from scripture include, “For once you were
darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of
light” (Ephesians 5:8b-9a);
“and there will be no night there,” (Revelation 21:25b) and “they need no
light of lamp or sun” (Rev. 22:5b).

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Jody Beattie
In Honor of
Bety Beattie’s Birthday

Naomi Cline
In Memory of
My Husband and Son

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
Memory/In Honor of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 1st:
Roland Watkins, Martha Carland

Tuesday, December 3rd:
Stacy Atkinson, Betty Beattie, Kerry McDermott,
Sue Miskiewicz, Bob Redpath, Jonathan Stevens

Wednesday, December 4th:
Jonathan Irion

Thursday, December 5th:
Jackie Rice

Friday, December 6th:
Shane Alexander, Zachary Cox, Robert Fuoco,
Harry Seckman

Saturday, December 7th:
David Hamilton, Jr., Holden Patel,
Nancy Phillips

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

ACOLYTES:
(8:15) Eli Jeffre
(11:00) Bryce Fulford

GREETERS:
(8:15) Dot & Buddy Brown
(11:00) Ben & Billie Nesmith

USHERS:
(8:15) Ellen Stoup, Patty Martin, Dennis & Betty O’Shea
(9:30) Sam & Barb Musgrave
(11:00) Brooke Allison, Nancy Johnson, Dane & Vicki Phillips

VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

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 Prostp

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Joyce Curvin & Jana Davis, Melissa Patel

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

3rd-5th Grades 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

The vision for the children of NPC is to attend wor ship 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 continue to see the unusual and interesting styl e of
John’s Gospel. John arranges some events for his pu rpose. Je-

sus has broken the sacred Law of Moses and continue s to do so.

We’ll look at chapter 8 as the plot thickens. Join us as we study

gether. Class starts at 9:45 but come a little ea rly for coffee and

chat time. Our leader today is Jane Sutton.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11 TODAY:

It is said that they will know we are Christian by our love.

In October we found out that they will know we are Reformed by

our tenets. Join us today as Garry Justice leads a discussion on

how they will know we are Presbyterian. The class m eets in
rooms 9 & 11 with coffee and cookies.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

“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.

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church

December 1, 2013

Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God

December 1, 2013

1st 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

“Tis the Season”

(Allegro Moderato

Sinfonia

Handel)

*DOXOLOGY—#544

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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING  “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”  Mark A. Miller

Westminster Youth Choir

(text based on hymn # 83)

*SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God, we confess that we live life with mixed motives, expressed through both sharing and selfishness. We are often impatient and thin-skinned. We rush into condemnations without understanding. We take our family and friends for granted. We receive good will from strangers with scant gratitude. Our hope is often centered on our personal ambitions. Our faith is measured by whether we get what we want. Our loving of others is selective and intermittent. O loving Lord, where else can we go but to you?” Faithful God, with the saving grace of Jesus Christ, continue to have mercy on us, save us from our many follies and our besetting sins, and continue to fill our hearts with the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #367

(Stanza 1, 3, 6)

VENI EMMANUEL

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

John A. Behnke

WESTMINSTER YOUTH CHOIR

*PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

“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.”


“For 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

“Meditation on VENI EMMANUEL”

John A. Behnke

*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Fantasia on HOUSTON”

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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