Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
October 20, 2013

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, 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
   Teachers: Hallie Pelham & Pat Cheek

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
   Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

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: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
   Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15 TODAY:
   Are “Reformed Christians” different from “Regular Christians”? What do we believe? How do we act? Garry Justice will lead us in exploring some of the important elements of our Presbyterian faith. This should be a fascinating discussion! Join the dialog while enjoying coffee and cookies.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11 TODAY:
   Study with us the unusual meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman as well as the unusual response of Jesus’ disciples. Class starts @ 9:45 but come at 9:30 for a time to chat and have a cup of coffee. Bibles provided but you’re welcome to bring your own. Leader today is Jeanette Holloway.

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.

Ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN
PRAISE SONGS
   “You Are All I’m After”
   “My Redeemer Lives”

MEET & GREET
   “Our God”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
WORSHIP CONTINUES
   “Put Your Hand in the Hand”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
   3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
   “My Savior, My God”

SCRIPTURE READING
   John 1:35-50 (NIV)

VIDEO
MESSAGE
   “A Thoughtful Reply to Challenging Questions about Faith: Come & See”
   Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
   “One Thing Remains”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU
Order for the Public Worship of God
October 20, 2013
22nd 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

“COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING” arr. Diane Bish

(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 #379 “COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING” nettleton

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the morn! I’m fixed upon it, Mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.
O to grace how great a debtor Daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to thee:
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for thy courts above.

(Book is closed, and the opening hymn continues.)

PRAKRY OF DEDICATION

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Responsively)

ETERNAL GOD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS OF MUSIC AND SONG THROUGH WHICH WE CAN OFFER YOU PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING, CONFESSION AND LAMENT, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS.

We thank you for the gift of this hymnal and for the way it has inspired our own songs for nearly fifty years, in times of joy and in times of sorrow.
The wondrous story reminds us of the journey we have taken together.
The familiar pages feel like home.
These hymnals have been held by small hands and large hands, by young hands and old hands.
These pages have been used to sing out with joy, and these pages have taught us to pray.
Today we say goodbye to this good friend, saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”
Even as we look forward to discovering a new friend, to exploring our new hymnal that will lead our song for decades to come.
Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people,
And to join in harmony with all who worship you.
By your grace, may our hymns shape our faith for years to come in ways that forever give glory to you, the triune God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.”

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“JESUS, STILL LEAD ON” arr. David Cherwien

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 596)

ISAIAH 52:7-10 (NIV)

“Jesus Calls Us” galilee (Please remain seated)

JESUS CALLS US

Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea,
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me.”
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying “Christian, love Me more.”
In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love Me more than these.”
Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, serve and love Thee best of all.

SERMON

“A THOUGHTFUL REPLY TO CHALLENGING QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH: COME & SEE” paul means, associate pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #304 “O MASTER LET ME WALK WITH THEE” maryton

O Master, let Me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.
For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Sun and moon and stars of light;
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (TOGETHER)

“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.”

By your grace, enable us to see you more clearly, to love you more dearly and to follow you more nearly, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(At the close of this service, all are welcome to take a copy of the hymnal home to keep for personal use. Glory to God—The Presbyterian Hymnal, 2013 will be in the pew racks next Sunday.)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“MIGHTY GOD, TO THY DEAR NAME BE GIVEN” flor peeters

(YOU ARE INVITED TO REMAIN FOR THE FINAL ACT OF WORSHIP, THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY. A CLOSING LOCUTION is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ & praise Thee in song.)

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

(All singing)

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A chorus is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ & praise Thee in song.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Hoffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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