MUSIC NOTES: The youth choir is singing today “Down to the River to Pray,” a wonderful early American folk hymn variously known as Down in the River to Pray, Down in the Valley to Pray, The Good Old Way, and Come, Let Us All Go Down. It gained popularity in 2000 after Alison Krauss performed it for the soundtrack of the film, O Brother, Where Art Thou? For us today, it’s a simple, metaphorical presentation of baptism and the life that it requires of us in community with one another. At the same time it compels the community into mission and discipleship.

The exact origin of the song is unknown. Research suggests that it was composed by an African-American slave; however, there are some who believe the melody was taken from a Native American prayer song and adapted for Christian use. As a song with a long oral tradition it may have been revised many times by people of different backgrounds.

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 Proost

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 & Loisanne Bilka

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’re advancing slowly in John for a purpose. You’d be surprised at his style and reason. We are surprised that we are learning often what we have taken for granted. Join us in reading John 6. Class starts at 9:45 but come a little early, 9:30, for coffee and a time to chat. Doug Shierling will be leading.

TCA (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: The TCI Class will examine the growing problem of religious discrimination charges being made by employees because of changing attitudes. Bill Bitner will lead the class discussion that will look at a number of the issues that confront employers in dealing with increasing conflicts between Muslims and Christians over religion in the workplace. The class meets in rooms 9 & 11 with 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.

DEDICATION SUNDAY

Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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Welcome To
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A Stephen Ministry Church
November 10, 2013
Order for the Public Worship of God
November 10, 2013
25th 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
“Here I Am, Lord” Daniel I. Schutte
(based on the hymn at #69) arr. Mark Hayes
(Adjusts symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDRETH
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 997) Revelation 3:20 (NRSV)

STEWARDSHIP SERIES
Opening the Door #4
“The Great Invitation”

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND PLEDGES FOR 2014
(Members and guests are invited to come forward in an act of rededication and to touch the baptismal font. During this time pledge cards are brought forward and placed in the font).

DEDICATION ANTHEM

HYMN
“My Lord’s Love”
Open the doors for Christ!  Let light shine everywhere,
to welcome here old friends and new for worship, song, and prayer.
Our hearts fling open too, our minds and wills as well,
that all who see us know our God, and hear good news to tell.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

GLORIA PATRI
“Open the Doors for Christ”
Dia DeMaTa

OPENING THE DOOR TO PRAYER

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

PLEDGES FOR 2014

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

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

“Somebody’s Knockin’” arr. Ken Berg
Seraph (1st-2nd grade) and Angel (3rd-5th grade) Choirs

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.”

WE SHARE

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Blessed Assurance” arr. Dale Wood
(based on the hymn at #839)

CALL TO OFFERING

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Joyful Hymn Setting on Dia DeMaTa” Jonathan Reuss
(based on the tune of the closing hymn)

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”
God’s Blessing to You

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