Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
November 17, 2013

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
Teachers: Kim & Sydney Blackmore, Diane Musto

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Nancy Turner

3rd, 4th, & 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 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 invite you to begin a second look at a very familiar book of the Bible—The Gospel of John. Most of us can recite key verses, yet how many of us understood John’s style and reason for being different from other gospels? Jeanette Holloway presents chapter 7. Class begins 9:45 but come a little early, 9:30 for a cup of coffee and a time to chat.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11 TODAY:
American Churches have been silent as Christians are persecuted in the Middle East. Fred Heider will lead a discussion of the issue and pursue an understanding of why and what should be done. 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.

Let the Countdown Begin
Praise Song
“Nothing Ever Could Separate Us”
Meet & Greet
“O Happy Day/Happy Day”
Welcome & Announcements
Worship Continues
“Rejoice in the Lord Always”
Traditional
Celestial Orff Ensemble (3rd-5th grade)
Hymnal Dedication
(The Dedication prayer is located on the screen.)
Hymnal Worship Songs
#614 “Great Are You Lord”
#69 “Here I Am Lord”
#392 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”
#368 “We Fall Down”
Sharing Joys & Concerns in Prayer
3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School
Call to Offering
Offertory
#519 “You Are My All In All”
Scripture Reading
Luke 15:20-32 (NRSV)
Message
“Music! A Gracious Gift”
Chris Curvin, Pastor
Song of Dedication
#705 “You Are Holy”
God’s Blessing to You

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

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Eternal God,
We thank you for the gifts of music and song through which creation has offered you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions. May this new hymnal inspire our own songs in times of joy and sorrow. 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 the words and melodies shape our faith for years to come, and in ways that forever give glory to you, the Triune God. Amen.

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  
November 17, 2013  
26th 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.)

OPENING HYMN/ANTHEM # 409  
“God Is Here!”  
arr. John Ferguson  
Organ Introduction (Paul Manz)  
Stanza 1—All Singing; Stanza 2 & 3—Choir Singing,  
*Stanza 4—Stand, All Singing  
(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 #267  
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”  
MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)  
Holy God, you call all who dwell on earth to follow you, singing songs of praise. We confess, however, that your song has been silenced within us. We are unwilling to sing new songs – or to embrace sisters and brothers whose songs are different from our own. We sing as we live – as if pleasing ourselves were more important than pleasing you. Forgive us. Cleanse our hearts of all that stifles your voice within us. Join our songs with your whole Church so that in all we sing, speak, or do, we may act to your glory, not our own. 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.”

11:00—Orff  
“Rejoice in the Lord Always”  
Traditional Celestial Orff Ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

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

*HYMNAL DEDICATION (Responsive)  
O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.  
Let the fields be jubilant, let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the forests and the mountains sing for joy.

Make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing.  
With trumpets and the blast of the ram’s horn, shout for joy before the Lord who reigns.

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

HYMN #1  
“He, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”  
(stanzas 1,2)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:  
To you, O God,  
we offer our thanks and praise.  
We know that your creative power is the source of every good gift.

All sing: “Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.”  
(“Glory to God, #643)  

Thank you for members of this congregation whose vision, energy, and resources have helped to make this new hymnal available for our use.

Thank you for all those who worked to create this song collection for your wider church: composers, poets, and artists; editors, publishers, and committee members.

Thank you for the guidance of your Spirit in the many decisions required through long years of dedicated service.

All sing: “Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.”  

Thank you for the gifts of music that stirs our hearts,  
strengthens our spirits,  
and sets our bodies in motion.

Thank you for songs from our culture that express our heritage in familiar melodies and rhythms,  
and for songs from other cultures  
that open us to the variety of ways in which your people offer praise around the world.

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Amen.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:  
(8:15) Nadia Rodewald  
(11:00) Emily Pursley

GREETERS:  
(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen  
(11:00) Brooke Allison & Ed Puschmann

USHERS:  
(8:15) Rocky & Natalia Davis  
(9:30) Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson  
(11:00) Rob & Trish Robicheau,  
Doug & Georgianna Winder

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

CALL TO OFFERING

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

*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 (pages 558-559)  
Isaiah 12:1-6 (NRSV)

HYMN #839  
“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”  
ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 850-851)  
Luke 15:20-32 (NRSV)

SERMON  
“Music! A Gracious Gift of God”  
v. 25: “Now his elder son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #33  
“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”  
LLANFAIR

*BENEDICTION

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. 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.