HYMN NOTES:
“Giving God, We Pause and Wonder”
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette has written a hymn (2006) on the meaning of Christian stewardship which advances the question, “What would happen if we took seriously the biblical call to give ten percent of our income?” In a book by Ron Sider (The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience) he said, “the average house-hold income in the U.S. is $42,000-plus. If every American who claims to be a Christian tithed, we’d have about $143 billion a year. UNICEF said it would cost $70-80 billion a year to provide food, healthcare and education for all the poor children of the world. That would still leave us $70 billion to run our ministries here and send missionaries there. In the final stanza, Gillette explains that by giving we’re not saying “Look what we can do,” but that our gifts are simply a way of saying “thank you” to God. What a wonderful witness a tithing church would be of God’s love in a hurting world.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Larry, Elaine & Jason Cornillaud
In Honor of Ava’s 9th Birthday
Friends of Northwood

Please remember the church in your will.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, October 19th: Peggy Brown, Christopher Nigels
Monday, October 20th: Zach Rothberg, Barbara Yonteck
Wednesday, October 22nd: Florence Graham, Robert Robicheau, Mary Zeigler
Thursday, October 23rd: Naomi Cline, Vickie Mills
Friday, October 24th: Ed Derkevics, Jon Mills, Imogene White
Saturday, October 25th: Ava Cornillaud, David Daniel, Lauren Ixon, Jordan Mattheus, Larry Taylor

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) Jimmy Birch (11:00) Aidan McDermott
GREETERS: (8:15) Chip & Marian Hill (11:00) Jim, Lauren & William Warren
USHERS: (8:15) Jim Hunt, Jim McGordy
(9:30) Bob MacFall, Don Morrison
(11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood

VAN DRIVER: Sue Miskiewicz

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message
Teacher: Justine Russz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Melissa Michalk & Amy Kemerer

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
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 16.
Teachers: Steve Cantin & Justine Russz

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 (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 4 beginning at 11:00. Children will move to room 3 at 11:20 where they can be picked up after service. Should your child like to attend service up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or return to worship with their parents.
Teacher: Barbara Englehart

Middle & High School Christian Education
Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the “Elements” of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: This Sunday’s Serendipity Class will be a discussion of Nehemiah, led by Bob Meyer. On Sunday, October 26, Pete Judd will lead a discussion of Paul. Join us!

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: Quiet time. Do we relish it or avoid it? Why? Barbara Englehart will guide our discussion as we look at recent studies, our experiences, and Scripture to learn why it may be important to have time alone with our thoughts. Coffee and cookies will enhance the conversation.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Led by Vicki Kraeger.
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

*CALL TO OFFERING

*MUSICAL OFFERING

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

arr. Diane Bish

*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

*HYMN

“Giving God, We Pause and Wonder”

NETTLETON

(Please Stand.)

Giving God, we pause and wonder: What would happen if we tithed — If we gave our gifts, Creator, Hearts and hands all opened wide? We might learn, by gladly sharing, Not to trust in things we own But to risk — it’s part of caring — And to trust in you alone. We could do abundant mission, Sharing Christ who claims and frees. We could reach out with new vision In creative ministries. No more bound by limitations Of what churches can’t afford. We could learn with jubilation Whole new ways to serve you, Lord. Humbly on your strength relying, We could build a thousand schools; We could feed a million orphans And give countless farmers tools. As we gladly shared your blessings, Then the world might want to know, “See! How loving are those Christians! Who’s the One who makes them so?”

God, we know we cannot pay you For your love in Christ your Son. Gifts and tithes are just a “thank you” — Ways to pass your blessings on. We have learned that, in our sharing, We receive more than we give. By your Spirit, make us daring In this joyful way to live.

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