HYMN NOTES: “Take My Life” (697)
Frances R. Havergal wrote our closing hymn today in 1874. This is her account of the writing:
“December 1873. I went for a little visit of five days to Areley House in Worcestershire (England). There were ten persons in the house: some unconverted and long prayer for, some converted but not rejoicing Christians. He (God) gave me the prayer, ‘Lord, give me all in this house!’ and He just did. Before I left the house every one had got a blessing. The last night of my visit I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in renewal of my consecration, those little couplets formulated themselves…till they finished with ‘ever, only, all for Thee.’”
Hymnal editor Carlton R. Young, has the indelible memory from his youth when in the church where his father was the pastor he heard this hymn—particularly stanza 4—“Take my silver and my gold; not a mate would I withhold.” It was sung with great determination by affluent worshippers in vocal response to the annual (pledge drive.) Their financial response to the challenge was to pledge a small fraction of the interest income from their considerable inherited wealth—pledges reportedly often among the last to be paid at the end of the year.

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: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil

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: Joan Tobiasen & Janet George

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: Trish Cole & Kim Peterson

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 or return to worship with their parents.
Teacher: Barbara Englandart

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 Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: Join us as we study a new biblical figure each week. Join us for coffee and cookies.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: Should public prayer be rewarded or forbidden? We’ll be discussing reactions to each of these as experienced recently in a restaurant and a mall. Come and join our discussion led by Martha Tobiasen. Coffee and cookies are available.

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by:
Larry, Elaine & Ava Cornillaud
In Honor of Jason’s 40th Birthday
Jill Towell
In Memory of My Mother, Virginia Smith

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, October 26th: Sue Gavette, Jody Mattheus, Joe Nelson
Monday, October 27th: Bob Beck, Brianna Preston, Caitlyn Preston
Tuesday, October 28th: Carol Kirkwood, Tiffany Long, Roger Ulrich, Shawn Wolf
Wednesday, October 29th: Jason Cornillaud, Don Drummond, Jessica Jones
Thursday, October 30th: Elizabeth Curkan, Jessica Robicheau
Friday, October 31st: Bob Thygerson
Saturday, November 1st: If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY
ACOLYTES:
(8:15) Nyden Rodewald
(11:00) Ethan Crossley

GREETERS:
(8:15) Chip & Marrian Hill
(11:00) Elaine Cornillaud

USHERS:
(8:15) Jim Hunt, Jim McGordy
Bob MacFall, Don Morrison
Linda & Kim Howard
(11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

Welcome to Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
October 26, 2014

Pledge Cards will be dedicated in the Baptismal Font on Nov. 9

"Taking the Next Step of Faith"

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
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WE GATHER
Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

RECOGNITION OF THE HOME COMMUNION MINISTRY AND THOSE WHO SERVED IN 2013 - 2014

October 26, 2014

Elders: Bill Bilka, Lessie Bilka, Barbara Englehart, Jackie Koski
Deacons: Muriel Antonakis, Nancy Baker, Jean DeFilippo (deceased), Sandra Gibson, Barbara Moler, Judy Peterson, Barbara Schlifer, Ruth Thompson

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION—Blanket Sunday

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*SUNDAY OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

*HYMN #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN FESTE BURG

WE CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Heavenly Father, through your precious Son, Jesus, you have supremely revealed your love for bent and broken human beings. As your children, you long for us to experience spiritual growth. We confess that the concern for what others might say, the consuming cares of this world, and the constant desire for more have hardened our fickle hearts to your majesty and mercy. In our most honest moments, we know that growing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus has not been what it could have been. Loving God, forgive us we pray. In your great mercy, continue to till the soil of our hearts so that we may grow more and more in the love and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

“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.”

ANTHEM

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Mack Wilberg
Melanie Schulz, Violin; Wagner Schulz, Clarinet

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wand’ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,
And leads me for his mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise;
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

WE SHARE

MUSICAL OFFERING

“O God Beyond All Praising”

Holst/Larson
with Violin and Clarinet

*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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Stewardship Series

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Taking the Next Step of Faith #3: “The Step of Change”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #697

“Take My Life”

HENDON

(stanzas 1,3,4,6)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Helmut Walcha

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (1907-1991)

(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.

LET THE COUNCOWN BEGIN

“Grace Alone” with AMAZING GRACE”

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Celebration Ringers

MEET & GREET

“Rising”

“Devil’s Got the Blues”

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