

HYMN NOTES:

“What Child Is This” (#145) by William C. Dix (1837-1898)
The three stanzas are taken from a longer poem, “The Manger Throne,” written around 1865 on Epiphany Day, after the author had read the Gospel for the day, Matthew 2:1-12. The tune GREENSLEEVES was already popular in 1580 when a license was granted to two different men on the same day for songs about *Lady Greene Sleeves*. Twelve days later it appeared with a sacred text and has been a popular tune ever since.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



*Peter, Eric & Laura Gajentan
In Honor of
Susan’s Birthday*



Friends of Northwood

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2014 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week in Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, January 5th:** Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner
- Monday, January 6th:** Spencer Briggs, Yvonne Cherry
- Tuesday, January 7th:** Kristen Faulkner
- Wednesday, January 8th:** Joe Cernansky, Pat Speer
- Thursday, January 9th:** Cody Carson, Steven Cole, Susan Gajentan
- Friday, January 10th:** Riley Nigels
- Saturday, January 11th:** Andrew Carlstedt, Shannon Dipolito, Elaine Findley, Chelsea Luther

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) Isaac Jeffre
- (11:00) Garland Pelham



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Joe & Kim Flaherty
- (11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns



Greeters & Ushers

USHERS:

- (8:15) Norman & Jeanne Smith, Bill Bitner, Don Morrison
- (9:30) Sam & Barb Musgrave
- (11:00) Dean & Pat Rabenstine, Carol Rathmell

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

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 & Ally Wolf

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Jana Davis & Aimee McDermott

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: Bridgette & Roger Ulrich

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: Kelsey & Lynn Propst

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
TODAY: As we continue to move through the book of John, we see more and more examples of how those who should recognize the Savior compare Him to the devil. Study chapter 10 with us and see our gentle Savior - our Shepherd who guides us today. Led by Bob Meier.

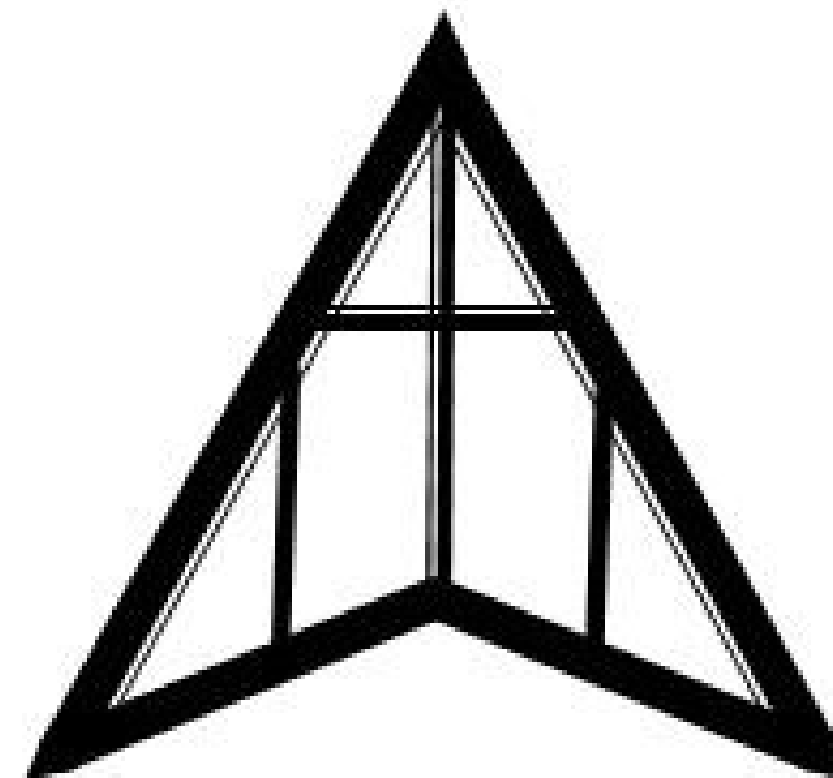
TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
TODAY: The discussion for today begins with Proverbs 20:6... "who can find one worthy of trust?" Recent polls show that Americans are less trusting of others. We will discuss this in relation to our church and community. Discussion will be led by Martha To-biassen. Coffee and cookies will be available.

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.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**
A Stephen Ministry Church

January 5, 2014



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E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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Order for the Public Worship of God
January 5, 2014
2nd Sunday after Christmas Day
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 “We Three Kings” Matthew Prins
Celebration Ringers

(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 #147** “The First Nowell” THE FIRST NOWELL

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the light of this world and the fading light of personal salvation alone. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all nations. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Leader: The Mystery of love is revealed in Jesus Christ. God’s love is for all people. Seek to love others, and you will know God’s love and forgiveness.

People: This is the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***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. Amen.”

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Together, page 35)**

ANTHEM “Ding Dong! Merrily on High” arr. John Rutter

*Ding dong! merrily on high in heav’n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv’n with angel singing.
Refrain: Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

*E’en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swung-en,
And i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sung-en. Refrain*

*Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers. Refrain*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN *(Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Worship.)*

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Prelude sur l’Introit de l’Épiphanie” Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

***DOXOLOGY—#606**

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.

OLD HUNDREDETH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING AND ALTERNATIVE GIFTS**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 783-784) Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)
(page 994) Jude 1:24-25 (KJV)

SERMON “The God Who Is Able” Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #140 “Once in Royal David’s City” IRBY
(Please Remain Seated.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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.”

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one Body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“We Three Kings/Infant Holy” arr. Mark Hayes

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #145** “What Child Is This?” GREENSLEEVES

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Lift” Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

(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.*

ignite

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

“What Child Is This?”
“The First Noel”

MEET & GREET

“Joy to the World/Unspeakable Joy”

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
WORSHIP CONTINUES**

“One Thing Remains”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Holy Emmanuel”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jude 1:24-25 (KJV)

MESSAGE

“The God Who Is Able”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION
MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

“We Three Kings/Infant Holy”
arr. Mark Hayes

SONG OF DEDICATION

“God Is Able”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!