

HYMN NOTES:

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (620)

While earlier hymn writers made paraphrases of psalms, the author, Henry F. Lyte, added a new dimension by making “poetical interpretations” of the psalm. In 1834 he published this hymn based on Psalm 103. There is a usually omitted fourth stanza based on verses 15-17 that is worth noting:

*Frail as summer’s flower we flourish; blows the wind, and it is gone,
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.*

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the high eternal One!

The tune name LAUDA ANIMA is translated “praise, my soul.”

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: Dan Gipson & Estavil, Jeanne Stephen

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & 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: 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: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

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: You’re welcome to be part of the discussion of chapter 14 - a prelude to the Lord’s gift to us. As he teaches the disciples before his death and resurrection, he teaches them and us about the role of the Holy Spirit. Class begins at 9:45 so come a little early for coffee, cookies, and time to chat. Our teacher today is Garry Justice.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: As Presbyterians we can be almost compulsive about doing things “decently and in order.” How important are rules? Do we ever bend or break rules? Why? What happens when we take these kinds of risks? Barbara Englehart will lead this discussion of rules in our Christian lives. This lively conversation will benefit from your participation. Cookies and coffee will be provided.

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

February 23, 2014

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



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PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, February 23rd:** Bobbi Wetherill
- Monday, February 24th:** Benjamin Jones
- Tuesday, February 25th:** Richard Layton, Jacob Schneider
- Wednesday, February 26th:** Beth Brinkman, Brianna Mattheus, Helen Meier
- Thursday, February 27th:** Erik Johansen, Cookie Roffey, Jeremy Stephen
- Friday, February 28th:** Marie Elliott, Carol Justice, David Robicheau
- Saturday, March 1st:** Pat Callan, Charlie Larson, Marcy Seckman, Carol Zieres

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) Nadia Rodewald
- (11:00) Brandon Strelcheck



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Nancy & Gene Baker
- (11:00) Mollie Davis & Bridgette Ulrich

USHERS:

- (8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister
Charlie & Carol Hersh
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
Mike & Linda O’Leary



VAN DRIVER: Joe Nelson



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
February 23, 2014
7th Sunday after Epiphany
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

arr. Joel Raney

“Morning Has Broken”

Jubilation Ringers; Synthesizer, Tom Huffman; Triangle, Robert Wood

(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 #620 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”** LAUDA ANIMA

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Chris Curvin, Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

We confess, O God, that we have listened to voices that encourage anger and greed instead of your Voice which calls us to live lives of good will and generosity. We confess that we get more satisfaction from hating our enemies than from daring to show your love. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to love as you love, that we may demonstrate your perfect grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Amen.”

ANTHEM

“Sing of the Lord’s Goodness”

arr. John Carter

*Sing of the Lord’s goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days.*

Refrain: *Come, then, all you nations, sing of the Lord’s goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord’s glory, praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

*Power he has wielded, honor is his garment, risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all.* **Refrain**

*Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;
Solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God.* **Refrain**

*Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp;
Praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.*
Refrain

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

RECOGNITION OF WORSHIP PREPARATION CLASS

Adam Booth, Alexis Cole, Kayla Dabbs, Bryce Fulford, Caysen Patel, Grant Pelham, Josh Pursley, Zack Pursley, Nadia Rodewald, Grace Thompson, Graham Thompson, Pearce Turner

11:00—CHILDREN SING

Bailey/Mayo

“May My Light Shine”

Seraph (1st-2nd Grade) & Angel (3rd-5th Grade) Choirs

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 786-787)

Matthew 5:38-48(NRSV)

SERMON

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

“Are God’s Standards Too High?”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN**

“To Love Just Those Who Love You” PASSION CHORALE

To love just those who love you is rarely hard to do,
For even unbelievers love those who love them too.
But you must love, said Jesus, those you don’t care about,
And feed them if they’re hungry though you then go without.

To laugh with those who please you and share a simple joy
is different from enduring the people who annoy;
and those you hate, said Jesus, or wound you deep within,
are still your Father’s children and must be claimed as kin.

Since Christ is Truth and Teacher, the Day Star and the Day,
The Life and our Life-giver, Wayfarer and the Way,
If you would come, said Jesus, and my companion be,
In love and joy and suff’ring you’ll walk God’s path with me.

--Rae E. Whitney, © 1995, Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

***BENEDICTION**

8:15—BENEDICTION RESPONSE

arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

“Zacchaeus”

Cherub (Pre-K/K) & Seraph (1st-2nd Grade) Choirs

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hazel Hulme

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

(based on the tune of the opening hymn, #620)

(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.*

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message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
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LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

“Zacchaeus”

arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Cherub (Pre-K/K) &

Seraph (1st-2nd Grade) Choirs

**MEET & GREET
PRAISE SONGS**

“O Happy Day/Happy Day”

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Graham Thompson, Pearce Turner

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“May My Light Shine”

Bailey/Mayo

Seraph (1st-2nd Grade) &

Angel (3rd-5th Grade) Choirs

**PRESENTATION OF
SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Joel Raney

Jubilation Ringers; Synthesizer, Tom Huffman;

Triangle, Robert Wood

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 5:38-48 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“Are God’s Standards Too High?”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“You Are Holy”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU