

MUSIC NOTES:

The anthem today (8:15 and 11) was written (words and music) by Pepper Choplin in 2014. Using a well-known story from Matthew 21 and Mark 11, it is not often that an anthem is composed using this subject. Choplin takes us beyond Jesus' overturning the tables in the temple to the parallel of cleansing our own hearts. "Overturn the tables of our selfishness and greed. Break our hearts to minister to those in need." Appropriate for today when the new deacons and elders will answer the question, "will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?"

Choplin is a prolific writer of choral music with hundreds of pieces in print and selling several million copies since 1991. In 2013 he had his debut at Carnegie Hall in a joint concert with composer Joseph Martin. He lives in Raleigh NC and attends the Baptist church where he was previously minister of music for 22 years.

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, March 8th:** Connie Evans, Rees Heycock
- Monday, March 9th:** Liana Stephen, Bill Tatarzewski
- Tuesday, March 10th:** Gale Dufresne, Alexander Scales
- Thursday, March 12th:** Jim Carlstedt, Carol Rathmell
- Friday, March 13th:** Sarah Barry
- Saturday, March 14th:** Andrew Michalk



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) Kylie Crossley

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Linda & Darrough Diamond
- (11:00) Barbara Henry & Margaret Mawhinney



USHERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner
Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Sam & Barbara Musgrave
- (11:00) Dane & Vicki Phillips
Ernie & Carol Kirkwood



VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.

Teacher: Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Kim Blackmore & Anna Hamilton

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: Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith

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.

Teacher: Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck

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 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or remain in worship with their parents.

Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

Children Welcome to the Lord's Table

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 the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

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

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Chapter 9-Daniel's Prayer. Join us as we continue our study of Daniel. Class leaders are Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

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

TODAY: Christians and non-Christians all over have been shocked and horrified at the public slaughter by ISIS of innocent people in the Middle East. It is hard to imagine the mindless killing of peaceful people in such a reckless public manner. Bill Bitner will lead the discussion on how we as Christians respond to these crimes. What can we or should we do? Coffee and cookies are an added attraction.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God's love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

March 8, 2015

ANTHEM "Jesus, Clear the Temple" Pepper Choplin

*Jesus clear the temple, come and make it clean and bare.
Purge the needless clutter, make this place a house of prayer.
Cast out all distractions that would take our eyes from You.
Jesus clear the temple, make our worship true.*

*Jesus clear the temple, chase away our pray'rless pride.
Strip away pretenses, places where our sin can hide.
Scour every corner where temptation draws us in.
Jesus clear the temple, make us clean again.*

*Drive out self ambition, cast out the petty things.
Break down the divisions and the conflict that they bring.
Overturn the tables of our selfishness and greed.
Break our hearts to minister to those in need.*

*Jesus clear the temple, let Your Spirit fill this place.
Immerse us in Your power, transform us by Your wondrous grace.
Let this place be sacred, where your healing may be found.
Jesus clear the temple, make this holy ground.*

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Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 8, 2015
3rd Sunday in Lent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (8:15) Jackie Koski
(11:00) Vicki Phillips

OPENING VOLUNTARY Joshua Evanovich
“Be Thou My Vision”
Dick Casper, Violin

(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 pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #618** DEO GRACIAS
“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
God of our fathers: you raised up brave and able men and women to reform the church. We confess that we have lost our way again, and need new reformation. We are content with easy religion, with too much money and too little charity; we cultivate indifference. Lord, let your word shake us up, and your Spirit renew us, so that we may repent, have better faith, and never shrink from sacrifice; in the name of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Savior. 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 “Jesus, Clear the Temple” Pepper Choplin
Reader: Garry Justice
(Text on front cover of bulletin.)

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

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 arr. Joyce Jones
“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

***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 926-927) 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NRSV)

***HYMN** “The Old Rugged Cross” THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
(Please Stand.)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.

SCRIPTURE READING (page 824) Mark 11:15-19 (NRSV)

SERMON “Keepers of the House!” Chris Curvin, Pastor

THE INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

(† Those to be ordained)

DEACONS: (Class of 2017)

†Lindsey Childs-Kean—8:15
†Carol Bushnell—9:30
†Cookie Roffey—9:30
†Carol Ziers—9:30
†Cindy Whiteside—11:00

ELDERS: (Class of 2017)

Loisanne Bilka—8:15
Jerry Koski—8:15
†Charlotte McQuown—8:15
Allen Hurst—11:00
Doug Winder—11:00

The Statement of Purpose
The Questions to the Candidates
The Questions to the Congregation
The Prayer of Ordination, Installation and Laying on of Hands
The Declaration and Charge

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #297** “In Christ Called to Baptize” ST. DENIO

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Michael Helman
“Toccata on ‘O Love, How Deep’”

(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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COUNTDOWN

PRAISE SONGS

“We Won’t Be Shaken”

“Fires”

MEET & GREET

“In Christ Alone”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Meet With Me”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Draw Me Close”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:15-19 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“Keepers of the House!”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

(See Elders & Deacons listed in the 8:15 & 11:00 services.)

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Stand up”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!