

MUSIC NOTES: The youth choir is singing today “Down to the River to Pray,” a wonderful early American folk hymn variously known as *Down in the River to Pray*, *Down in the Valley to Pray*, *The Good Old Way*, and *Come, Let Us All Go Down*. It gained popularity in 2000 after Alison Krauss performed it for the soundtrack of the film, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* For us today, it’s a simple, metaphorical presentation of baptism and the life that it requires of us in community with one another. At the same time it compels the community into mission and discipleship.

The exact origin of the song is unknown. Research suggests that it was composed by an African-American slave; however, there are some who believe the melody was taken from a Native American prayer song and adapted for Christian use. As a song with a long oral tradition it may have been revised many times by people of different backgrounds.

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



*Pamela Peters
In Memory of My Parents,
Richard & Virginia Peters*



*Jane Kaempfer
In Memory of My Husband,
John Kaempfer*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2013 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, November 10th: Daniel Pena, Ande Preston, Michelle Voytko
Monday, November 11th: Tom Huffman, Jim Moore, Gail Weislogel
Tuesday, November 12th: Lindsey Scalera
Wednesday, November 13th: Mike Fisher
Thursday, November 14th: Annie Thompson, Valerie Wade
Saturday, November 16th: Dan Hyden, Cheryl Isler



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) Kurt Kemerer
 (11:00) Garland Pelham

GREETERS:

(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
 (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood

USHERS:

(8:15) Rocky & Natalia Davis
 Nancy & Wayne Rodewald
 (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
 (11:00) Rob & Trish Robicheau,
 Doug & Georgianna Winder

VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway



Greeters & Ushers

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: Hallie Pelham & Pat Cheek

1st & 2nd Grades

Room 16

Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Loisanne Bilka

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: Kay Scheuerman & Pam Wood

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

The vision for the children of NPC is to attend worship with their parent or guardian, plus one hour of Sunday School. Please see above for the schedule of classes available. All three hours of the Children's Sunday School study the same lesson.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: We're advancing slowly in John for a purpose. You'd be surprised at his style and reason. We are surprised that we are learning often what we have taken for granted. Join us in reading John 6. Class starts at 9:45 but come a little early, 9:30, for coffee and a time to chat. Doug Shierling will be leading.

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

TODAY: The TCI Class will examine the growing problem of religious discrimination charges being made by employees because of changing attitudes. Bill Bitner will lead the class discussion that will look at a number of the issues that confront employers in dealing with increasing conflicts between Muslims and Christians over religion in the workplace. The class meets in rooms 9 & 11 with coffee and cookies.

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

November 10, 2013



Dedication Sunday

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
November 10, 2013
25th Sunday after Pentecost
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 “Here I Am, Lord” Daniel I. Schutte
(based on the hymn at #69) arr. Mark Hayes

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #806** “I’ll Praise My Maker” OLD 113TH

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God, who sent the power of the Holy Spirit to fill us with willing faith: we confess that we have held back the force of your Spirit among us; we have been slow to serve you and reluctant to loosen up to receive the surprises and possibilities you offer. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for grumbling about our limited resources, for we pray in Jesus’ name, with open hands and hearts. 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 “Antiphon” Ralph Vaughan Williams
(No. 5 of Five Mystical Songs. See Hymn #636 in Glory to God for text.)

11:00—SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Analee Rose Greff, infant daughter of Dan & Bree Greff

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

(8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children are dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class.)

11:00—CHILDREN SING “Somebody’s Knockin’” arr. Ken Berg
Seraph (1st-2nd grade) and 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 “Blessed Assurance” arr. Dale Wood
(based on the hymn at #839)

***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 (page 997) Revelation 3:20 (NRSV)

STEWARDSHIP SERIES Chris Curvin, Pastor
Opening the Door #4
“The Great Invitation”

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND PLEDGES FOR 2014

(Members and guests are invited to come forward in an act of rededication and to touch the baptismal font. During this time pledge cards are brought forward and placed in the font).

DEDICATION ANTHEM

“Down to the River to Pray” arr. David Haas
Westminster Youth Choir

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN** “Open the Doors for Christ” DIADEMATA

Open the doors for Christ! Let light shine everywhere,
to welcome here old friends and new for worship, song, and prayer.
Our hearts fling open too, our minds and wills as well,
that all who see us know our God, and hear good news to tell.

Open the doors for Christ! God’s children all are we.
In nursery, classroom, workplace, home, in age or infancy.
Seek paths of faith and truth; may learning never cease,
till all the world’s a neighborhood of love and hope and peace.

Open the doors for Christ! The world of need awaits;
May we not close our minds or hearts to those outside the gates.
We see the work to do. God, give us strength and will
to carry out Your perfect plan with courage and with skill.

Open the doors for Christ! O Holy Spirit, come!
With speech on fire, and rushing wind, and organ pipe, and drum!
Inspire us to move on where future doors swing wide,
to tell the world a Savior’s love means God is at our side.

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***BENEDICTION**

8:15—BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Traditional
Cherub Choir (Pre K-K)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Joyful Hymn Setting on DIADEMATA” Jonathan Reuss
(based on the tune of the closing hymn)

(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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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

“Somebody’s Knockin’”

arr. Ken Berg

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

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“We Won’t Be Shaken”

“Blessed Be Your Name”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“I Will Follow”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Your Great Name”

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 3:20 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

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Arr. David Haas

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!