

### Music Notes

#### **“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” (827)**

When the author of this hymn was pastor in Unna, Germany, an awful plague hit the town. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) could see the church cemetery from his window. There were sometimes as many as thirty burials in a single day. In six months he had buried 1,300 people. It seemed that every home in town was mourning a stricken family member. It was a difficult time to be a pastor. How did he get through it?

He said, “There seemed to me nothing more sweet, delightful, and agreeable than the contemplation of the noble, sublime doctrine of Eternal Life obtained through the Blood of Christ. This I allowed to dwell in my heart day and night...death is not to be feared because death is when we meet our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.”

The German text has many references to Christ as the Bridegroom so both then and now it is popular at Lutheran weddings. The melody was so well-loved that some towns tuned their clock chimes to play it.

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, January 26:** Eileen Zirk, Mildred Martin  
**Monday, January 27:** David Tobiasen, Linda Feller, Katelyn Nelson  
**Tuesday, January 28:** Dean Rabenstine, Nadia Rodewald  
**Wednesday, January 29:** Trudy Dougherty, Jeanne Stephen, Vicki Parker  
**Thursday, January 30:** Maryann McLarty, Andrew Booth  
**Friday, January 31:** Steve Miskiewicz, Cindy McCarthy, Juli Fish, Kelly Pintoski  
**Saturday, February 1:** Becky Sharp, Sharon Brown



*If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!*

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



**Sharon Brown**

**In Memory of My Brother, Ken Shaw**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 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!

### **FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

#### **GREETERS:**

(8:15) Anna & Dan Hyden  
(11:00) Carol Bushnell & Dee Rivers

**Ushers & Greeters**



#### **USHERS:**

(8:15) Don & Nancy Stevens  
Bob MacFall  
(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin  
(11:00) Pete Towns & Roger Snay  
Sue Miskiewicz & Claudia Alwood

**VAN DRIVER:** Keith Nadig

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 & 11:00 AM**

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (19/20 School Year)

Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

### **9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Room 3**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson.

**2nd-5th Grade, Room 8**

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassandra Fredriksen.

## **11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be continuing our series, *Amplify*.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**

TCI -- Today's Christian Issues -- which meets every Sunday at 9:30 invites congregants of any age to come explore how our Christian values should inform our day-to-day life and our outlook to national and international issues. This week, Eleanor Cicerchi will examine human trafficking, a scourge around here and worldwide.

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15**, led by Vicki Krueger

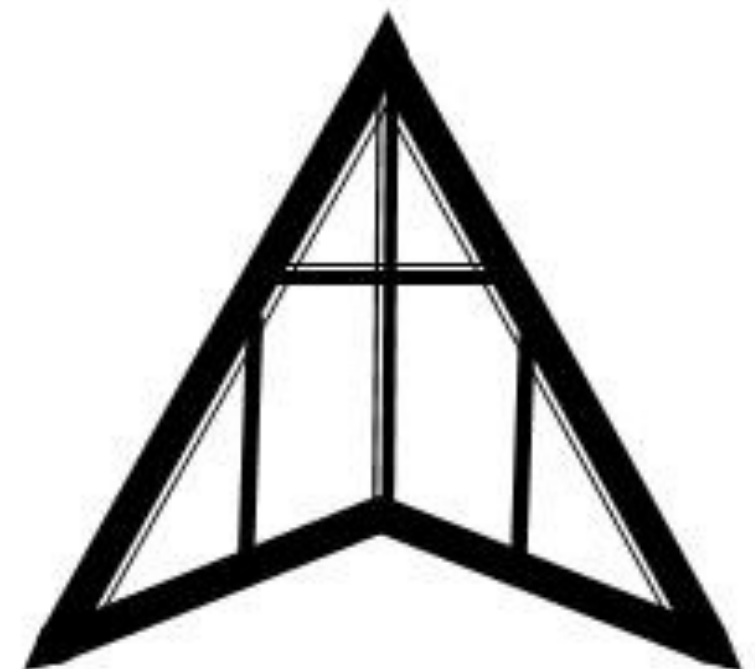
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

**11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study** This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 6 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies*— *Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Malachi* by Linda B. Hinton. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindyl@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

# **Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**January 26, 2020**



# **Come, Grow, Go!**

**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
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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.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

“All the People Said Amen”

“Indescribable”

MEET AND GREET

“Is He Worthy?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

(9:30) Cindy Gamble (Husband James )

(11:00) Linda Earl

(11:00) Dee Rivers

VIDEO

“Who Is Jesus?”

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus Messiah”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Build My Life”

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 4: 12-17

Colossians 1: 13-20

MESSAGE

“What’s the Big Deal About Jesus?”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“What a Beautiful Name”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Order for the Public Worship of God  
January 26, 2020  
3rd Sunday After Epiphany  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We proclaim the message of the cross.

People: This is the wisdom and power of God.

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

People: Steadfast love belongs to the Lord.

Leader: Jesus said: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

People: May the word of God be fulfilled among us.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” arr. Wayne L. Wold  
(based on the Hymn at #377)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(9:30) Cindy Gamble (Husband James)

(11:00) Linda Earl

(11:00) Dee Rivers

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

\*HYMN #827 “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: we confess that we have held back the force of your Spirit among us; that we have been slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Fill us with flaming desire to do your will, and be faithful people; for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GREATOREX

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

“Prayer of St. Francis”

Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there’s despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light.

Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

OUR MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

\*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-17 (page 785)

Colossians 1:13-20 (page 956)

SERMON

“What’s the Big Deal About Jesus?”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING  
(please be seated)

“Benediction Hymn”  
Gail Rothrock, Soloist

Traditional Irish

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

CLOSING VOLUNTARY (8:15)

“Prelude on WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN”

(O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright) F.W. Markull  
(1816-1887)

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director