

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

July 30, 2023



Ministers: All Members of the Church
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women Unified Circle will resume its monthly meetings on Tuesday, August 8 at 10:00 in rooms 4-8. The first meeting will be our annual planning meeting, and our new 9 month bible study will begin on September 12. We will be studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. Books are available for purchase in the office or at our planning meeting. The cost is \$5. Please plan to join us!

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed will be off for the month of July. We will resume in August with a planning lunch to decide our next book. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study class will begin meeting Sunday, August 20th at 10:00am in room 5. We will be comparing the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life, the Synoptic Gospels and John. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.

Our Mission Statement: ***“Come! Grow! Go!”***

- ♦ We are to COME to Christ and be active in worship and fellowship together.
- ♦ We are to GROW spiritually as we commit our time, talents and finances to Him.
- ♦ We are to GO out in mission and service in the name of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Citylight Schedule

Sunday 7/30

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Sunday 8/6

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10:05 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/771a29f6a7a1/citylightupdate322022-13527368>

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, July 31: Carolyn Rickrode, Isabelle Doce

Tuesday, August 1: Thomas Zareczny

Wednesday, August 2: Phyllis Crivelli, Hazel Vernon

Friday, August 4: Jane Larson, Gemma Briggs, Emma Bonnier

Saturday, August 5: Candy Spoenlein, Kevin Matson



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



Carol & Garry Justice In Honor of Our 55th Wedding Anniversary



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2023 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org

Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Georgia Rounding & Elaine Cornillaud

(11:00) Gail Rothrock & Randy Ball

USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie & Andy Strelcheck

(11:00) Claudia & Jack Alwood



*“And the angel said unto them, ‘fear not’:
for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”*

Luke 20:10-11 (KJV)

Order for the Public Worship of God
July 30, 2023
9th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “He Is Born” arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*
Leader: A light shining in the darkness...
People: What could it be?
Leader: The sound of angels’ wings...
People: What could it mean?
Leader: A baby born in a stable...
People: What could it be?
Leader: Let us go this day in worship to Bethlehem and see!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,”
and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

*CAROLS #113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA
(stanzas 1,3)
#119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN
(stanzas 1,3)

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
O God of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy, we have built fences to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin, free us to live lives of joy through Jesus Christ. 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/TRIO “O Holy Night” arr. Tom Fettke
Stephanie Carson, Barbara Jordan, Michele White

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;
it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
‘til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees; Oh, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
And in His name, all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us Praise His Holy name
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim. Amen, amen, amen!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy king-
dom 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, for
ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

*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

*CAROLS #145 “What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES
(stanza 1)
#146 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” FLORIDUM
(stanza 1)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 2:8-14 (KJV)
John 20:1-10 (NRSV)

SERMON “Unwrapping Christmas”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*CAROLS *(all carols, 1st stanza only)*
#132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” IN DULCE JUBILO
#133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES
#134 “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH
#135 “There’s a Star in the East” FOLLOW
#136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Oh How Joyfully” arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
& Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG
“It’s Christmas”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG
“He Has Come For Us”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy king-
dom 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

OFFERTORY
“Christmas Is All In the Heart”

SCRIPTURES
Luke 2:8-14 (KJV)
John 20:1-10 (NRSV)

SERMON
“Unwrapping Christmas”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Joy to the World” (Unspeakable Joy)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!