

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, January 4: Martha Tobiasen, Louise Mylin, Pam Jeffre
Monday, January 5: Elizabeth Turner
Tuesday, January 6: Bob Holleman, Spencer Briggs
Wednesday, January 7: Deb Clarkson, Mia Bullis
Thursday, January 8: Wendy Rigdon, Joe Cernansky
Friday, January 9: Susan Gajentan, Cody Carson, Steven Cole
Saturday, January 10: Judy Rodriguez, Patrick Turner, Riley Nigels



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



Friends of Northwood



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2026 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) Louise Mylin & Jill Manning
(11:00) Barbara Bozinski & Lois Harber



USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Zieres & Cindy Gamble
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Patty Martin

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Linda Granata & Marie Nadig
(11:00) Leslie Henley & Joan Ross



When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:9-12

Large Print Bibles, Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options



Rides Available

Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

Church Staff Contact Information

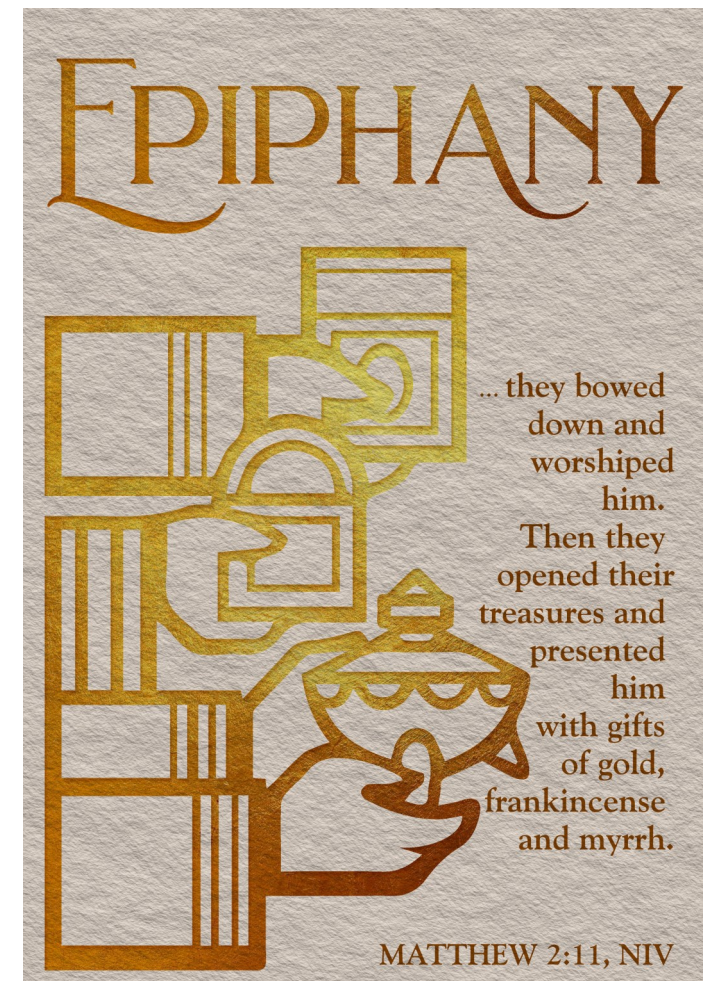
*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office when the lines are busy or the office is closed, you will be prompted to use the Dial By Name Directory **OR** the staff member's extension number to leave a message. The church number is still 796-8090.*

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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

January 4, 2026



Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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Order for the Public Worship of God
January 4, 2026
2nd Sunday of Christmas/Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “I Wonder As I Wander” arr. Mark Hayes
(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come!
People: We are called out of our darkness into light.
Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around.
People: We rejoice in the gift of light.
Leader: Come let us worship the God of light and joy and peace.
All: We come to kneel at the cradle of the babe, the light incarnate.

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

*HYMN #147 “The First Noel” THE FIRST NOWELL
**The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter night that was so deep.**

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.**

**And by that light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.**

Refrain

**This star drew night to the northwest; o’er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.**

**Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.**

Refrain

**Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood our life hath bought.** *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION
Leader: As we come to confess our sins, we affirm that God is a God of promise and light. If we turn to God and confess our sins, God will open our eyes that we may see light in our darkness and God will open our hearts to receive forgiveness through the babe of Bethlehem. Let us then confess our sins before God:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the light of this world and the fading light of personal salvation alone. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all nations. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive)*
Leader: The Mystery of love is revealed in Jesus Christ. God’s love is for all people. Seek to love others, and you will know God’s love and forgiveness.
People: This is the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*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.**

*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together, back panel in 9:00 service)*

ANTHEM “Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow” arr. Mark Hayes
Soloist, Rachelle Cox

CALL TO OFFERING
*(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway,
online or through the mail.)*

*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 GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSVUE)
Hebrews 13:8 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Words of Wisdom for the New Year”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN #150 “As With Gladness Men of Old” DIX

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP
(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #151 “We Three Kings” KINGS OF ORIENT
**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

Refrain: **O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign,
Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshipping God Most High.** *Refrain*

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.** *Refrain*

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “In thee Is Gladness” 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.

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“We Three Kings”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Noel”

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 2:1–12 (NRSVUE)

Hebrews 13:8 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Words of Wisdom for the New Year”

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HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Light of the Stable”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music