

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 3: Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz,
Kerry McDermott

Monday, December 4: Mary McCauley

Tuesday, December 5: Carol Sprung, Robert Fehringer,
Mickey Stewart

Wednesday, December 6: Robert Fuoco, Zachery Cox, Shane Alexander

Thursday, December 7: Laura Turner, David Hamilton Jr.

Friday, December 8: Roger Snay, Wanda Fanning, Barbara Jordan,
Beverly VanZyl

Saturday, December 9: JoAnn Ross



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 "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) Jill Manning & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Lois Harber & Jan Spaulding



USHERS:

(9:00) Cindy Gamble & Carol Zieres
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Roger Snay

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women, Sisters in Christ, meets on the second Tuesday of the month with our next meeting on December 12th at 10:00am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas Brunch to follow. We are studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. Books are available for purchase in the office. The cost is \$5. Please plan to join us!

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed has resumed its monthly meetings. We meet on the first Friday of the month with our next meeting on December 1st at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. We are starting a new book, *"Prayer, Does It Make a Difference?"* by Phillip Yancey. If you need a book or 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 will meet every Sunday morning 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 Youth Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 3rd

9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday, December 6th

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight

Friday, December 9th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Game Night

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Traditional Service
4:00 pm - Ring, Sing & Mingle - Volunteers needed!

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/46e9e1e14c40/citylightupdate322022-13536548>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 3, 2023



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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*"But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father.*

*Beware, keep alert; for you do not know
when the time will come.*

And what I say to you I say to all; Keep awake.

Mark 13:32-33; 37 (NRSV)

Order for the Public Worship of God
December 3, 2023
1st Sunday in Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Brahms

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!
People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,
People: but the word of God endures forever.
Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;
People: the promise of God will surely be fulfilled.
All: Let us worship God!

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

*HYMN #82 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Lighting the Candle

Claudia & Jack Alwood
The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

RESPONSE *(sung to the tune “As with Gladness”)* DIX
All singing: **Light a candle bright and tall for the hope within our world.**
Hope that heard the ages call as the stars and planets whirled.
Shine within our hearts today; Come, O hope, to us, we pray.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
God of light, once again so many of us approach this season of Advent unprepared. We are not alert to your promised coming; as a result, we are exhausted by trying to fit life into a box of our own design. Like your people of old, we make ill-advised and impulsive, me-first decisions and blame you for the discouraging and painful consequences. By your grace, lead us through this Advent season in a way that will strengthen our faith, deepen our joy, and create a renewed sense of awe and wonder at the extravagance of your love. In the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we ask this. 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

*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together)*
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.

ANTHEM “Advent Fanfare” arr. Lloyd Larson
David Furr, Piano; Mitchell Johnston, Organ (trumpet)
The Lord is coming soon. Prepare the way with joyful alleluias.
He comes the vine to prune. Declare the day with joyful alleluias.
Make straight the crooked way, let every mountain be made low,
The rugged places plain for Christ, the Lord is coming, is coming!
Sing allelu, sing alleluia!

Behold the eastern sky! Prepare the way with joyful alleluias.
Redemption draweth nigh. Declare the day with joyful alleluias.
He comes with truth and grace, His reign shall be forevermore!
Set free your voice of praise for Christ, the Lord is coming, is coming!
Sing allelu, sing alleluia!

CALL TO OFFERING

*O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL—#88 VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24-37 (NRSV)

SERMON “Advent Hope: Jesus will Come Again!”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN #347 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” PICARDY
(stanzas 1,2)

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 relation ship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE
*HYMN #97 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
(sung to the tune ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”
arr. David Johnson

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

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music; 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

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Babs Bailey, Georgia Rounding & Nancy Turner

PRAISE SONG
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“Prepare the Way”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

SCRIPTURE
Mark 13:24–37 (NRSV)

SERMON
“Advent Hope: Jesus Will Come Again!”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Your Name”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music