## **Pledge Cards for 2024**

Thank you for your faithful answer to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2023. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2023.

## **2023** Contributions

Giving intended for 2023 must be received in the church office by noon on Friday, December 29th or postmarked no later than December 29, 2023. Contributions which are processed electronically through your bank's online bill pay or via our website must be initiated much earlier (probably no later than December 27) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2023.

## 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.

## Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway past the Library and in the hallway across from the kitchen. Hand Sanitizers are conveniently located at each exit.





#### Announcements– December 10, 2023 WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching "Come, Grow, Go! online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. Contact our church office at communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. Mark vour calendar for the next Discovering Northwood Presentation, Sunday, January 21st at 10:00am. WELCOME!

## **Ring, Sing & Mingle – TODAY, 4:00pm**

Northwood's three handbell choirs will present a variety of Christmas Music interspersed with Carol singing and ending with a cookie reception. At the festive reception there will be a photo booth backdrop, so bring your phones for pics and wear your Christmas finery to get some great family shots for your Christmas Cards this year. Please bring homemade cookies for the event. They can be dropped off in the kitchen before or after the 9am & 11am services.

## **Poinsettias**

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$10, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and

the completed sign-up form from today's friendship sheet (through December 17) in the giving station or drop off in the church office during regular office hours. If paying online, be sure to send an email to communications@northwoodpc.org with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor.

# NC CHRISTMAS JOY

## The Christmas Joy Special Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received next Sunday, December 17th. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.





## Attendance for 12/03/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 49 In-Person Traditional— 154 Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 56 Traditional— 76 Facebook Live: 92 views Total: 427

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

## Presbyterian Women's Bible Study—Dec. 12 <u>All Women are Welcome</u>



Presbyterian Women, Sister in Christ, are using a Bible study called "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts" by Olive Mahabir. The lesson will be Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas brunch to follow. All are invited! If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

## **Christmas Cantata– December 17**

"Light Into Darkness" with Chancel Choir & Instruments by Mary McDonald. The Cantata will be performed Sunday, December 17th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.



## Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Jan 26-28



Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. The dates are **January 26-28**, **2024**. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office and due

## Nursery & Sunday School for Children

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our nursery during the entire Worship Service, and/or if you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please let Jennifer McManus know, who is serving as our Acting Director of Children's Ministry. You may contact Jennifer at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or say "hello" to her when you see her on Sunday morning!

## <u>Music Ministries Annual Garage Sale</u> January 11,12 & 13

Hold on just a little longer. Garage Sale drop-off will begin on December 27, 2023 and run through January 9, 2024. We accept most items except for tvs, entertainment centers or regular appliances. If you are unsure, please contact Susan Curry (727) 709-8237. She is also looking for more volunteers to set-up, sort, price, cashier, bag, security and clean-up. We are in need of oversize bags, wire hangers and wrapping material like newspaper or tissue paper. Please take a card from the narthex and invite your friends and family to do-nate and attend the sale. The Garage Sale is scheduled for January 11, 12 and 13, 2024 from 8:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Thank you for helping us get the word out to friends, neighbors and family.

## **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 <u>www.northwoodpc.org</u> and click on the giving tab.
- 3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options

#### <u>Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at</u> <u>Communications@northwoodpc.org.</u>

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 3rd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)