

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

**Sunday, December 10:** Blake Estavil  
**Monday, December 11:** Eleanor Cicerchi, Emma Tighe  
**Thursday, December 14:** John Sutphin, Paul Means



*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*

**Peggy & Terry Steele**  
**In Honor of our Wedding Anniversary**



**Elaine Cornillaud**  
**In Loving Memory of My Dear Larry**



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](mailto: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) Ann & Spencer Briggs  
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo



#### USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Georgia Rounding  
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Roger Snay

*"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"*

*Mark 1:2 (NRSV)*

## 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 meets on the first Friday of the month with our next meeting on January 5th at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. We are studying the 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](mailto: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 10th

9:00 am - Contemporary Service  
10:05 am - Sunday School- Youth Room  
11:00 am - Traditional Service  
4:00 pm - Ring, Sing & Mingle- Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, December 13th

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight- Youth Room

#### Friday, December 15th

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night- Youth Room

#### Sunday, December 17th

10:00 am - One Worship Service- Christmas Cantata

#### Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/bdf2fd4e910b/citylightupdate322022-13537020>

# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

## December 10, 2023



#### *Ministers: All Members of the Church*

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

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Order for the Public Worship of God  
December 10, 2023  
2nd Sunday in Advent  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Isaiah 40:1-5)*  
Leader: Comfort, O comfort my people!  
**People: We welcome God’s tender words to us today.**  
Leader: Prepare the way for your God!  
**People: We gather for worship to prepare ourselves for Christ’s coming.**  
Leader: Christ is coming!  
**People: The glory of God will be revealed!**  
**All: Thanks be to God for this good news!**

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

\*HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TRURO

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE  
Lighting the Candle

Vickie & Jon Mills and Mickey Stewart  
*The reader offers words about the candle of peace.*

RESPONSE *(sung to the tune “As with Gladness”)* DIX  
All singing: **Light a candle bright and tall for the Peace we wish to know.**  
**Peace on earth for great and small,**  
**God’s Good News to us bestows.**  
**Shine within our hearts today; Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.**  
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CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*  
**Eternal God, John the Baptist prepares the way by calling upon us to repent. We have failed to share as we should. We have failed to honor the poor and the oppressed. We have failed to bear fruit worthy of your salvation. Have mercy upon us, God. Heal and forgive us so we can welcome Christ with pure and genuine hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” arr. Joseph Martin  
*O Morning Star, send forth your light. Bring heaven’s glory to our night*  
*Together we shall praise you.*  
*O Righteous Star, shine through our song. Renew our voices, keep us strong.*  
*Awake in us your music. Alleluia! Jubilate! Exultate!*  
*Sing the story, wake the dawn. Let music shine the light of glory.*

*O let the choir break forth in sound, our joy and peace with music crowned,*  
*One voice, one song forever.*  
*One shining hope, one Cod above, one holy light, one perfect Love,*  
*One faith binds us together. Amen. Amen. Jubilate, exultate, alleluia!*

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

\*O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL—#88 VENI EMMANUEL  
**O Come, thou dayspring, come and cheer**  
**our spirits by thine advent here;**  
**Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,**  
**and death’s dark shadows put to flight.**  
**Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ES IST EIN ROS

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 40:1-5 (NRSV)  
Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

ADVENT SERMON SERIES  
What Child Is This That Changed the World  
#1 “He Brings the Gifts of Comfort and Peace”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #143 “Angels From the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*\*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.

COUNTDOWN  
WELCOME  
THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE  
Jill Manning & Roxie Swartz

PRAISE SONG  
“Even So Come”  
MEET & GREET  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG  
“Glory” (Let There Be Peace)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER  
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  
OFFERTORY  
“He Has Come For Us”  
(God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman)

SCRIPTURES  
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Mark 1:1–8 (NRSV)

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SONG OF DEDICATION  
“Joy” (Unspeakable Joy)  
GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU  
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music