

[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!

[Your Giving Matters](#)

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping 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

[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.



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NPC Guest



Now live streaming our 9:00



[Announcements—December 17, 2023](#)

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching 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 your calendar for the next Discovering Northwood Presentation, Sunday, January 21st at 10:00am. WELCOME!**

[The Christmas Joy Special Offering—TODAY](#)



The Christmas Joy Offering will be received TODAY, 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.

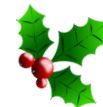
[Poinsettias](#)



Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? **TODAY is the last day to purchase.** For just \$10, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from today's friendship sheet 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.

[Worship Schedule for December 24 & 31st](#)

December 24: One Worship Service—10:00am
Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship—4:30pm
Christmas Eve Traditional Worship—7:00pm



December 31: Contemporary Worship Service—9:00am
Traditional Worship Service—11:00am

There are informational cards with all of the musical event and special worship service dates in the narthex and in the church office to share with family and friends!

Attendance for 12/10/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 52 **In-Person Traditional**— 124
Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 42
Traditional— 70

Facebook Live: 124 views **Total:** 412

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!

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.



Music Ministries Annual Garage Sale Jan. 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 donate 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.

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Wednesday, January 10th and continuing through Wednesday, February 14th, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Annual Report Deadline

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 7th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to communications@northwoodpc.org. There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 17: Melanie Brown, Chris Curvin
Monday, December 18: Jack Alwood, Nicole Makal, Kelsey Propst
Tuesday, December 19: Jim Lumia
Wednesday, December 20: Sandy Seckel, Polly Brown, Jere Gunderman, Karen Gipson
Friday, December 22: Steve Rickrode, Jonathan Luther
Saturday, December 23: Jan Botsford, Greg Brinkman

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

Jean Swintek

In Honor of Daughter Kathy's Birthday



Patty Martin

In Honor of The Chancel Choir



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:

(10:00) Cindy Gamble & Susan Hasell

USHERS:

(10:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Roger Snay

