

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 31: Mark Johnston, Nancy Turner
Tuesday, January 2: Sally Keith, Sheena Watkins,
Cambia Woodford, Robert Wood
Wednesday, January 3: Rocky Davis
Thursday, January 4: Martha Tobiassen, Louise Mylin, Pam Jeffre,
Brenda Williams
Friday, January 5: Elizabeth Turner
Saturday, January 6: Spencer Briggs, Robert Holleman



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



Audrey Nower In Loving Memory of Mom & Dad



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2024 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) Georgia Rounding & Cindy Gamble
(11:00) Jerry Koski & Mary Kreuziger



USHERS:

(9:00) Vicki & Curtis Krueger
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Roger Snay

*"But when the fullness of time had come,
God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the
law, so that we might receive adoption as children.
And because you are children, God has sent the
Spirit of his Son into our hearts crying
'Abba! Father!'
So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a
child then also an heir, through God."*

Galatians 4:4-7 (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 January 9th at 10:00am in rooms 5 & 7. 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 or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study will take a break December 17th-31st. We will resume on January 7th at 10:00am in room 5. We will study the healing of the women with the flow of blood and the raising of Jairus' daughter in the gospels of Matthew, Mark 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 31st

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

Wednesday, January 3rd

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight

Sunday, January 7th

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

Wednesday, January 10th

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight

We will be taking a break from Game Night through January 12th while the church garage sale is set up in the gym.

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/eabcd3fd6658/citylightupdate322022-13538532>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 31, 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 31, 2023
1st Sunday of Christmas
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Annual Garage Sale, Susan Curry

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: Let us proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
People: for the steadfast love of the Lord is great.
Leader: Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
People: and the light that will shine upon the nations.
Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
People: in faith let us worship God!

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

*HYMN #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
God of love, as we reflect on this past year and look to live out our faith in the year upcoming, we confess our weaknesses, our broken promises, and our lack of faith in your goodness and grace. O Dear Lord, for our sins of commission and omission, may you show us mercy, grant us forgiveness and by your grace empower us to live faithful lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake for it is in his name that 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 “Who Is This Child?” Ben Harlan
Michele White, Soloist
*Why to this Babe do angels sing, and why do treasure wise men bring?
And why a crown about His head as shepherds worship at His bed?*

*Refrain: Who is this Child so sweet and mild?
Is He a child or a king? Is He a child or a King?*

*A glistening star lights up the sky, a brighter light shines in reply.
One tiny Infant clothed with grace, gives life to all who seek His face.
Refrain*

*Come bow before this Holy One, the newborn Christ, God’s chosen Son,
A child who at His royal birth was heaven’s gift to all the earth. Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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, for ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

*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

*HYMN #145 “What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

SERMON “A Time for a New Beginning”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
arr. Alfred Fedak

**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

PRAISE SONG

“Born Is the King (It’s Christmas)”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Susan Curry, Annual Garage Sale

PRAISE SONG

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

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

“Christmas Is All In the Heart”
Dan Jeffre

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 4:4–7 (NRSV)

SERMON

“A Time for a New Beginning”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Light of the Stable”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music