

Nursery

The Nursery is available for childcare during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. Our staff are screened and trained to provide safe, caring and entertaining supervision to your little ones while you attend Worship.

Pledge Cards for 2025

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 2024. 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 2024.

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.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.



Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

Rides Available

Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

- 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.)



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NPC Guest



LIVE STREAMING

Now live streaming our 9:00



Announcements– December 1, 2024

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. **The next Discovering Northwood Presentation to learn more about who we are and consider membership will be held on January 19th at 9:45am. WELCOME!**

First Sunday in Advent



Sermon Series: “Unexpected Presents”

Beginning next Sunday, and the Sundays leading up to the celebration of Christ's birth, our Pastor, Chris Curvin, will be offering a series of sermons entitled, “*Unexpected Presents*.” These sermons focus on Christmas as the celebration of the mysterious, yet real presence of God who came into a world that was neither safe nor secure. Into the darkness of our world we celebrate the coming of an unexpected presence. The prophet Isaiah promises that into our lives comes a great light! (Isaiah 9:2-7). Regardless of what presents you hope to find under your Christmas tree this year through these sermons and the songs we sing in worship, we hope you will remember that into the darkness and misery of our world, **God with us** is the true and very real unexpected presence we receive at Christmas.



HEP & Beth-El Angel Tree

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help our adopted families with Christmas! This year we are working with families from the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry and with HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). The HEP house ornaments will be on the Angel Tree in the narthex starting **now through Dec. 1**. The Beth-El angels will be on the tree **Dec. 8 - Sunday, Dec. 15**. All decorations will have gift items printed on them. Select as many houses and angels as you like. **The dates when all gifts need to be returned are printed on the house and angel ornaments.** Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

Attendance for 11/24/24 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 59 In-Person Traditional— 139

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—168

Traditional— 84

Facebook Live: 278 views

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!



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 15) 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.



Ring, Sing & Mingle – December 8

December 8th at 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. That's the best part!! Cookies may be dropped off the morning or afternoon of December 8th. There will be a table in the hallway with a sign up sheet for cookies and general help with the mingle this Sunday and next Sunday. Thanks for any help you can give!

Christmas Cantata– December 15—10am One Service

The Cantata featuring our Chancel Choir and Instruments will be performed Sunday, December 15th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.



The Christmas Joy Special Offering

Sunday, December 15th, we will receive the annual Christmas Joy Offering. 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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— December 13

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 13th at 10:30 in rooms 11&13. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Mike and Linda O'Leary will provide the program "'Ancient Mediterranean Treasures'" Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

NPC Garden Club—Dec. 14, 9am-12pm

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, December 14th, from 9:00am-12:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our next landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Please bring working gloves, any tools you prefer working with, and a diligent spirit. Please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com with any questions.



Youth

Every Sunday morning, the youth, which includes middle school, high school and college age students, will meet for Sunday School at 10:00am in the youth room. Wednesday evenings we will have Youth Group meet at 6pm in the youth room. Game night will meet on Fridays from 7pm-10pm in the youth room/FLC. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090 x2008.

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat– January 10-12, 2025

Join the women of Northwood for a spirit revitalizing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing, and leisurely walks in the woods. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! **DEPOSITS ARE DUE NOW!** Registration forms are available on the poster across from the kitchen. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne at jeanneestephen@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study—Dec. 10 All Women are Welcome!

Presbyterian Women, Sister in Christ, are using a Bible study called "*Let Justice Roll Down.*" The lesson will be Tuesday, December 10th at 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas brunch to follow and please bring a dish to share. All are invited! If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.