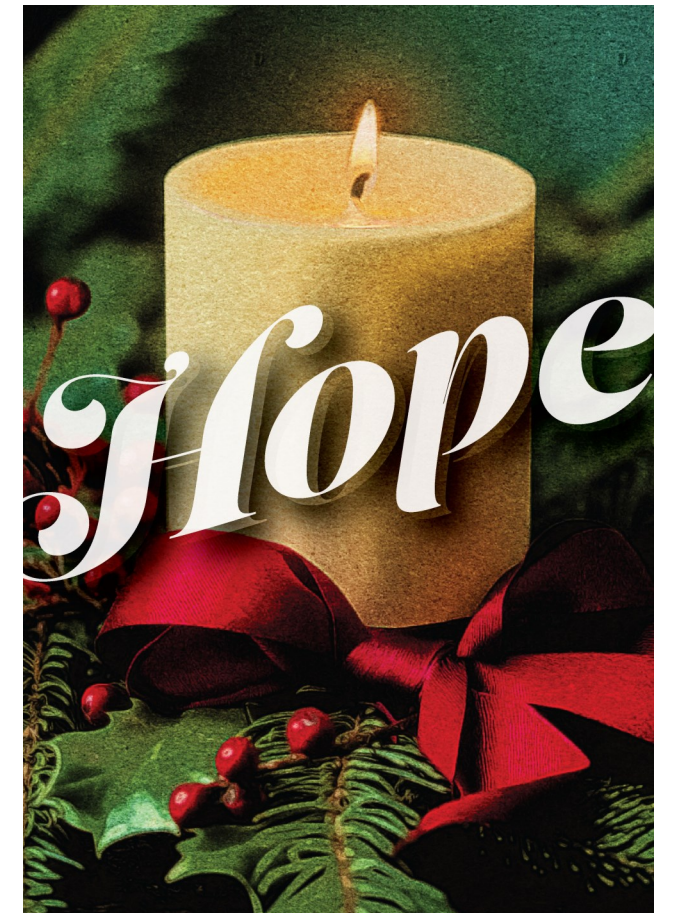


Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 1, 2024



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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

Northwood Presbyterian Church

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 10th at 10:00am in room 5 of the Education Building. Our study books, *"Let Justice Roll Down"* are available for purchase for \$5.00. We will have a Christmas Brunch following our study. Please bring a dish to share. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin or Sue Miskiewicz.

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. Our next meeting will take place December 6th. 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 meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 5. All are welcome! Bring your Bible. The class is studying 1 Corinthians. Please join us!

Youth Sunday School, led by Dylan Cantin

The youth Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the youth room. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour.

Our Mission Statement: "Come! Grow! Go!"

We COME to Christ in worship and fellowship together.

We GROW spiritually as we commit our time,
talents and finances to Him.

We GO out in mission and service in the name of Christ,
empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Church Staff Contact Information

*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for most of our staff who are full-time. If you don't see a phone extension we provide an email contact for you. If you call the church office when the lines are busy or the office is closed, you will be prompted to use the Dial By Name Directory **OR** the staff member's extension number to leave a message. The church number is still 796-8090.*

Chris Curvin, Pastor/Head of Staff x2007

Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music x2009

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music, taryn@northwoodpc.org

David Furr, Organist, dmfurr35679@gmail.com

Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001

Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005

Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

Dylan Cantin, Assistant Youth Director x2008

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Tuesday, December 3: Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz,
Kerry McDermott

Wednesday, December 4: Mary McCauley

Thursday, December 5: Carol Sprung, Robert Fehringer,
Mickey Stewart

Friday, December 6: Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox, Shane Alexander

Saturday, December 7: Kelly Tighe



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



Friends of Northwood



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) Jill Manning & Louise Mylin

(11:00) Gretchen Worth & Lois Harber

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

(9:00) Georgia Rounding & Cindy Gamble

(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Linda Granata & Mia VanNess

(11:00) Leslie Henley & Dee Rivers



*O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Psalm 96:1-2

Order for the Public Worship of God
December 1, 2024
1st Sunday in Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “The Prayer” arr. Joel Raney
Jubilation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stephanie Carson

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!
People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,
People: but the word of God endures forever.
Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;
People: the promise of God will surely be fulfilled.
All: Let us worship God!

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

*HYMN #82 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Lighting the Candle

Barbara Jordan & Claudia Mitchum
The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

RESPONSE
Reader: And so wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.
All: We wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

All Singing: *(sung to the tune “Away In a Manger”)* MUELLER
**Candle is burning , a flame warm and bright,
a candle of HOPE; in December’s dark night;
while angels sing blessings from heavens starry sky,
our hearts we prepare for Jesus is nigh.**
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
Almighty God, You are a God of Hope. Truly, You have given us every reason to believe that we can count on you. In Jesus Christ, you have blessed us with a living hope with which to live our lives. And yet it seems that we are forever transferring our sure and certain hope in you to the wishful thinking and empty promises of this world. As a result, it is no surprise when the undercurrent of anxiety and uncertainty encompasses our lives. Forgive us, dear Lord! In your mercy may we say with the Psalmist, “Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him”. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM “Every Valley” John Ness Beck
*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen*

CALL TO OFFERING

*O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL—#88 VENI EMMANUEL
**O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 96:1-2 (NRSV)
Luke 1:67-79 (NRSV)

SERMON “The Gift of Having a New Song to Sing”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN #507 “Come to the Table of Grace” TABLE OF GRACE

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP
(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads” TRURO

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Trumpet Tune on PICARDY” arr. Michael Helman
(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

(Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.)

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.

WELCOME

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Mia VanNess & Marie Ziegler

PRAISE SONG
“Even So Come”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Stephanie Carson

PRAISE SONG
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

*APOSTLES’ CREED
(see traditional bulletin)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“Light of the World”

SCRIPTURES
Psalm 96:1-2 (NRSV)
Luke 1:67-79 (NRSV)

SERMON
“The Gift of Having a New Song to Sing”
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HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION
“He Has Come For Us”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music