

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 29: Joyce & Sarah Worley
Monday, December 30: Doug Winder, Kaleb Adkisson
Tuesday, December 31: Mark Johnston, Nancy Turner
Thursday, January 2: Sheena Watkins, Sally Keith, Cambia Woodford
Friday, January 3: Rocky Davis
Saturday, January 4: Martha Tobiassen, Louise Mylin, Brenda Williams, Pam Jeffre



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) Georgia Rounding & Jenny Carlstedt
(11:00) Barb Bozinski & Carol Robertson



USHERS:

(9:00) Vicki & Curtus Kreuger
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:46-49

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 10:00am in room 5 of the Education Building. Our study books, *"Let Justice Roll Down"* are available for purchase for \$5.00. 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 January 3rd. The book we are reading is *Seamless*, by Angie Smith. 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

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 29, 2024



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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

Northwood Presbyterian Church

2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761
(727) 796-8090
www.northwoodpc.org



Like us on Facebook!
facebook.com/npc.clearwater

Order for the Public Worship of God
December 29, 2024
1st Sunday of Christmas
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Shepherd’s Pipe Carol” arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*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: the glory of God’s people and a light to all.
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 #140 “Once In Royal David’s City” IRBY
(stanzas 1,2,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of love, as we reflect back on this past year and look forward to living lives of faith in the upcoming year, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions, our broken promises, our selfishness, and our lack of faith in your goodness and grace. O Dear Lord, for these 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 in whose 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 “Take Him From the Manger” Craig Balden
Duet: Randy Ball & Craig Balden

*We were taking down the Christmas tree on a cold and wintry night;
packing up the ornaments, and all the colored lights.
When we came to the manger, we looked hard all around,
but the little baby Jesus was nowhere to be found.*

*My youngest one spoke up and said “Dad I took him down the street.
Our neighbors, they don’t know him – I wanted them to meet.
He’s sitting on their front porch now. I’ll get him right away.”
I said “Son, just leave him there. I’m sure he’ll be okay.”*

*I felt the tears well up behind my eyes, I know I must have smiled.
‘Cause I saw this as a lesson, that a dad learns from his child.
And later on that evening, when I crawled into my bed, t
he words my son had spoken still echoed in my head (sayin’)*

Refrain: *Take him from the manger out into the street.
Take him from the manger for everyone to meet.
There are millions in the world who don’t know what he came here for.
Take him from the manger, he doesn’t live there anymore.*

*I know each year we celebrate that day that Christ was born.
But there’s much more to the story that begins on Christmas morn.
It’s all about a rugged cross on a hill called calvary.
And of his sacred promise to return for you and me.
But to many he’s a stranger just another name they’ve heard,
till the day that they discover he’s a man who keeps his word.* Refrain

*The lesson from that winter’s night, has followed me along.
I think about it often; I sing it in my songs.
The message is quite simple. It’s what I’m here to say;
that if you want to keep your faith you must give it away.* Refrain

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

*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 Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)

SERMON “Growing in Wisdom”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #134 “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Deck the Halls” arr. Diane Bish

*(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, Music Director; 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

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Born Is the King (It’s Christmas)”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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,
forever. Amen.*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Noel”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Growing in Wisdom”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!