

Northwood Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)
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Welcome to Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2025
4:30 PM



The Reverend Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor
Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music
David Furr, Organist
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools
Dylan Cantin, Assistant Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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VIDEO

“God with Us”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

MEET AND GREET

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Georgia Rounding, Dan Rounding and Maggie Hall

The reader offers words about the Christ Candle

VIDEO

“The True Heart of Christmas”

PRAISE SONG

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

**O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels.**

Refrain: **O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him.
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation. Sing all ye citizens of heav’n above.
Glory to God all, glory in the highest.** *Refrain*

**Yea Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus to thee be all glory giv’n,
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.** *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

Paul Means

(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail.)

VIDEO

“Missing Jesus”

Skit Guys

One Holy Night
A collection of lessons and carols

SCRIPTURE READING #1—Delaney Pope

Isaiah 9:2,6

CAROL “In the Bleak Midwinter”
**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**Our God heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain.
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed.
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.**

**Angels and archangels, may have gathered there.
Cherubim and seraphim, thronged the air.
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss.
Worshipped the Beloved, with a kiss.**

**What can I give Him, poor as I am.
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him, give my heart.**

SCRIPTURE READING #2—Ellis Cantin

Luke 1:26-38

CAROL “Mary Did You Know?”
**Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.**

**Mary did you know that your baby boy would give sight to the blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby you've kissed the face of God.
Oh Mary did you know?**

**The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.**

**Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb
And the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I Am.**

SCRIPTURE READING #3—Claire Cantin

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL “Away In a Manger”
**Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.**

**Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay, close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

SCRIPTURE READING #4—Aaron McDermott

Luke 2:8-20

CAROL “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
**Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.**

**Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.**

**Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Sun of Righteousness.
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by.**

**Born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth.
Born to give them second birth, hark the herald angels sing.
Glory to the newborn King.**

SCRIPTURE READING #5—Brianna Adkisson

Matthew 2:1-11

ROL “We Three Kings”
**We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar.
 Field and fountain moor and mountain, following yonder star.
 Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown Him again.
 King forever ceasing never over us all to reign.**

Refrain: **O star of wonder star of night, star with royal beauty bright.
 Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light.**

**Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising all men raising worship Him God on high.**

**Myrrh is mine its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying sealed in the stone cold tomb. Refrain**

**Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice.
Alleluia, alleluia, peals through the earth and skies. Refrain**

SCRIPTURE READING #6—Dylan Cantin John 1:1-14

VIDEO “The Light of Christmas”

LIGHTING OF CANDLES “Silent Night”
(Thank you for holding lighted candles completely upright and leaning unlighted candles toward the lighted ones)

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born.”**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure Light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night holy night, wondrous star lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.**

***BENEDICTION**

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

Sunday, December 28th we hope you will join us in worship for our 9AM Contemporary Service and 11AM Traditional Service and invite a friend!

Youth Programs

Youth will start a new season of activities in just a few weeks. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for programs with activities and choirs for all ages. For more information on youth activities, contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090 x2008.

Church Office Holiday Closings

The office will be closed Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th. We will be re-open December 29th from 9am-3pm.

2025 Contributions

Giving intended for 2025 must be received in the church office by noon on Friday, December 29th or postmarked no later than December 30, 2025. 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 23) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2025.

Greeters: Jill Manning & Jenny Carlstedt

Ushers: Carol Zieres & Cindy Gamble

THE MEANING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

For the past four Sundays we have been waiting—lighting the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Tonight, as we see the light of the center candle, we are reminded that this is the Christ Candle, for without Christ, there would be no Christmas. The Christ Candle can remind us of the expectation of Mary, the songs of the angels, the enthusiasm of the shepherds and the homage paid to the Christ child by the Magi. For we, too, live in joyous expectation of seeing Jesus face to face; we, too, sing alleluia to our King; we, too, run with excitement to tell others of this Shepherd King; and we, too, pay homage to the one who came to save us. On this Christmas Eve, may we all believe, so that we might become children of God.

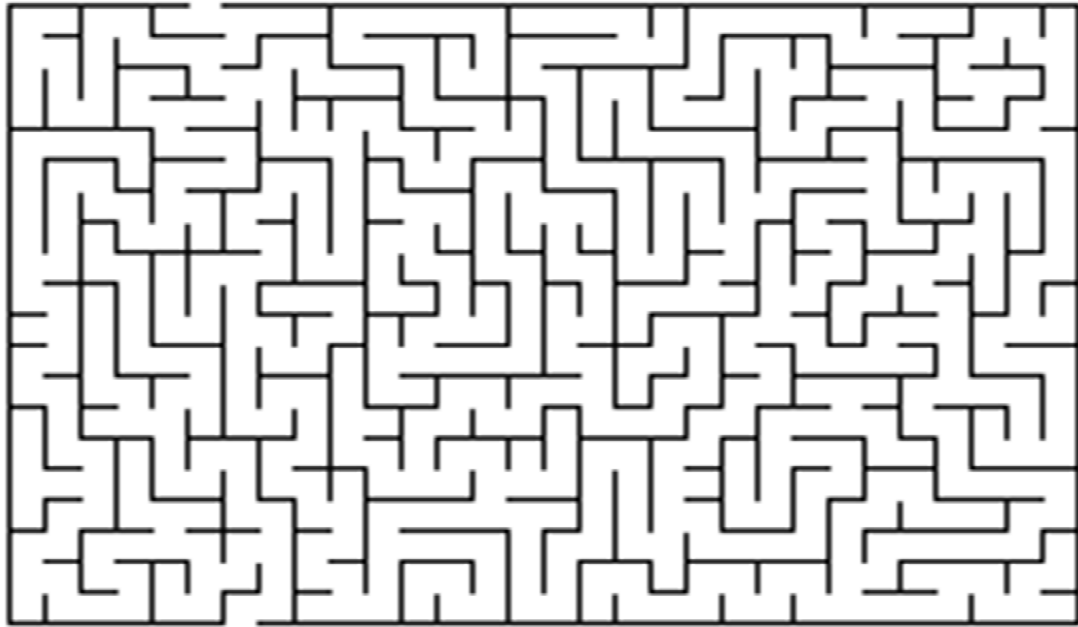
TONIGHT'S OFFERING—HELPING HANDS FUND

All of the offerings received at the two Christmas Eve services will be used to replenish Northwood's much-used Helping Hands Fund. These funds are used to purchase food to replenish our food pantry and to help someone in need with groceries at a near-by store – to help purchase milk, bread, or eggs. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.



*The Pastors, Church Officers & Staff
of Northwood Presbyterian Church
wish you a very joyous Christmas and New Year.*

Just for Kids
Help Mary & Joseph Get to the Stable



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