BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…



Sunday, November 29:	Max Gipson
Monday, November 30:	Kelly Tighe
Wednesday, December 2:	Michele North
Thursday, December 3:	Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Kerry McDermott
Friday, December 4:	Mary McCauley
Saturday, December 5:	Carol Sprung, Robert Fehringer, Mickey Stewart

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

Jean Swintek

In Honor of My Daughter Kathy & Andre's 40th Anniversary and Andre's Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2026 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" in the memo line of your 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) Jenny Carlstedt & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Sharon & Ken Carder



USHERS:
(9:00) Vicki & Curtis Krueger
(11:00) Kim Blackmore & Carol Rathmell



COFFEE SERVERS:
(9:00) PW Sisters in Christ
(11:00) PW Sisters in Christ

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Mark 13:32-37

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.

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options



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.

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 our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. 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
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Dianna Burpee, Director of Schools x2010
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Welcome To

Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

November 29, 2026



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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Order for the Public Worship of God
November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Creator of the Stars of Night" arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* Sue Miskiewicz, Worship Leader

Leader: This Advent, we wait for God's promises to be fulfilled.
People: We welcome the God who interrupts our plans with His great love.
Leader: O, that God would rend the heavens and come down.
People: We open our hearts to God's presence and trust God's timing.
Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, fill our waiting with hope. As we wait expectantly, we stand and offer the peace of Christ to one another.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

(stanzas 1-4)

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle

Gretchen & Art Worth

The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

ALL SINGING MUELLER

A 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

In this season of waiting, God invites us to set aside our anxieties, loosen our grip on control, and make room in our hearts for the coming of Christ. Trusting in God's mercy and steadfast hope, let us confess our sins together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God, you are a God of hope, yet we confess that we place our trust in the empty promises of this world. We grow anxious when you call us to wait, and we seek control instead of surrendering to make room for you in our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord. Help us trust your timing and your promises, that we may say with the Psalmist, "Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive, from Isaiah 64:1-2)*

Leader: Hear the good news: no eye has seen any God besides ours, who tears open the heavens to act for those who wait for him. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*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 "He Will Come" Patrick Liebergen

Prepare for the Lord! Allelu! The child adored! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.
The angels sing! Allelu! Good news they bring! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

The birth is near! Allelu! Loud joy we hear! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

Bob Scott, Interim Associate Pastor

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

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

*O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL—#88 VENI EMMANUEL

(stanza 6)

O Come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
our spirits by thine Advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #92 "While We Are Waiting" WAITING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 64:1 (NRSVUE)
Mark 13:24-37 (NRSVUE)

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Christmas in the Carols
#1 "The Carol of Our Longing for God"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Prepare the Way, O Zion" arr. Paul Manz

(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.*

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
Georgia Rounding & Jill Manning

PRAISE SONG
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
"Even So Come"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER
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OFFERTORY
"Your Name"

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SONG OF DEDICATION
"HE Shall Reign Forevermore"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music