

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– December 10, 2023

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. **Mark your calendar for the next Discovering Northwood Presentation, Sunday, January 21st at 10:00am.** WELCOME!

Ring, Sing & Mingle – TODAY, 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!!

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 17) 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.

Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Sign Up TODAY!

Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. The dates are **January 26-28, 2024**. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office and due now.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study—Dec. 12

All Women are Welcome

Presbyterian Women, Sister in Christ, are using a Bible study called “*Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*” by Olive Mahabir. The lesson will be Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas brunch to follow. All are invited! If you’d like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

Christmas Cantata– December 17

“Light Into Darkness” with Chancel Choir & Instruments by Mary McDonald. The Cantata will be performed Sunday, December 17th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.

The Christmas Joy Special Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received next Sunday, December 17th. 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.

Nursery & Sunday School for Children

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our nursery during the entire Worship Service, and/or if you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please let Jennifer McManus know, who is serving as our Acting Director of Children’s Ministry. You may contact Jennifer at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or say “hello” to her when you see her on Sunday morning!

Music Ministries Annual Garage Sale

January 11,12 & 13

Hold on just a little longer. Garage Sale drop-off will begin on December 27, 2023 and run through January 9, 2024. We accept most items except for tvs, entertainment centers or regular appliances. If you are unsure, please contact Susan Curry (727) 709-8237. She is also looking for more volunteers to set-up, sort, price, cashier, bag, security and clean-up. We are in need of oversize bags, wire hangers and wrapping material like newspaper or tissue paper. Please take a card from the narthex and invite your friends and family to donate and attend the sale. The Garage Sale is scheduled for January 11, 12 and 13, 2024 from 8:00a.m. until 2:00p.m. Thank you for helping us get the word out to friends, neighbors and family.

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping online, your giving matters too. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time 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

Per-Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$35.61 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.

Attendance for 12/03/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 49 In-Person Traditional— 154
Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 56
Traditional— 76

Facebook Live: 92 views Total: 427

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!

Citylight Youth Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - Sunday School– Youth Room
11:00 am - Traditional Service
4:00 pm - Ring, Sing & Mingle– Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 13th

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight– Youth Room

Friday, December 15th

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night– Youth Room

Sunday, December 17th

10:00 am - One Worship Service– Christmas Cantata

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/bdf2fd4e910b/citylightupdate322022-13537020>