

Large Print  
Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**December 10, 2023**  
**11:00am**



***Ministers: All Members of the Church***

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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**Order for the Public Worship of God  
December 10, 2023  
2nd Sunday in Advent  
11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY    “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”  
arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS                      Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, Isaiah 40:1-5*)

Leader: Comfort, O comfort my people!

**People: We welcome God’s tender words to us today.**

Leader: Prepare the way for your God!

**People: We gather for worship to prepare ourselves for Christ’s  
coming.**

Leader: Christ is coming!

**People: The glory of God will be revealed!**

**All:        Thanks be to God for this good news!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #93                      “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”                      TRURO**

## THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

### Lighting the Candle

Vickie & Jon Mills and Mickey Stewart

*The reader offers words about the candle of peace.*

RESPONSE *(sung to the tune "As with Gladness")*

DIX

All singing: **Light a candle bright and tall  
for the Peace we wish to know.  
Peace on earth for great and small,  
God's Good News to us bestows.  
Shine within our hearts today;  
Come, O Peace, to us, we pray.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Eternal God, John the Baptist prepares the way by calling upon us to repent. We have failed to share as we should. We have failed to honor the poor and the oppressed. We have failed to bear fruit worthy of your salvation. Have mercy upon us, God. Heal and for give us so we can welcome Christ with pure and genuine hearts. In Jesus' 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 “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” arr. Joseph Martin

*O Morning Star, send forth your light.*

*Bring heaven’s glory to our night*

*Together we shall praise you.*

*O Righteous Star, shine through our song.*

*Renew our voices, keep us strong.*

*Awake in us your music. Alleluia! Jubilate! Exultate!*

*Sing the story, wake the dawn. Let music shine the light of glory.*

*O let the choir break forth in sound,*

*our joy and peace with music crowned,*

*One voice, one song forever.*

*One shining hope, one God above, one holy light, one perfect Love,*

*One faith binds us together. Amen. Amen. Jubilate, exultate, alleluia!*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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

**\*O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL—#88**

**VENI EMMANUEL**

**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 #129**

**“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”**

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## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-5 (NRSV)

Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

What Child Is This That Changed the World  
#1 “He Brings the Gifts of Comfort and Peace”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #143      “Angels From the Realms of Glory”      REGENT SQUARE

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist