

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– December 17, 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!

The Christmas Joy Special Offering– TODAY

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received TODAY, 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.

Poinsettias

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? TODAY is the last day to purchase. 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.

Worship Schedule for December 24 & 31st

December 24: One Worship Service—10:00am

Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship—4:30pm

Christmas Eve Traditional Worship— 7:00pm

December 31: Contemporary Worship Service—9:00am

Traditional Worship Service—11:00am

There are informational cards with all of the musical event and special worship service dates in the narthex and in the church office to share with family and friends!

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.

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.

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Wednesday, January 10th and continuing through Wednesday, February 14th, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

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. 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

Attendance for 12/10/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 52 In-Person Traditional— 124
Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 42
Traditional— 70

Facebook Live: 124 views

Total: 412

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 17th

10:00 am - Christmas Cantata— Sanctuary

11:05 am - Sunday School— Youth Room

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Friday, December 22nd

10:15 am - 3:15 pm - Metropolitan Ministries

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Youth & Families Christmas Party at Game Night in the Youth Room

Sunday, December 24th

10:00 am - One Church Service— Sanctuary

4:30 pm - Contemporary Christmas Eve Service— Sanctuary

7:00 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Service— Sanctuary

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/25ab58d39ef3/citylightupdate322022-13537516>