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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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December 17, 2023
11:00am



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 17, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM Worship Service/Cantata**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNARY “Sheep May Safely Graze” Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord;

People: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

People: God sends good news to the oppressed.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord; again, rejoice!

People: Be gentle to all: the Lord is near.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY;

Lighting the Candle—Sue Miskiewicz & Patty Martin

The reader offers words about the candle of joy.

RESPONSE

DIX

All singing: **Light a candle bright and tall**

for the Joy this season brings.

**Joy like fountains brimming full,
through our world now let it ring**

**Shine within our hearts today,
come O Joy, to us, we pray.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

God of birth, God of Joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.**

PRAYERS OF PRAISE 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, for ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Darkness Into Light

by Mary McDonald

Come to the Light

Barbara Jordan, Soloist

*Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King.
Son of God, Redeemer; to Him, the angels sing.
"Glory to God in the highest." Praises to Him we bring.
Follow the light of our Savior. Come to the light, our King.*

*God of glory, Lord of light, sing to Him this Holy night.
Come, behold this wondrous sight: Jesus Christ is born!
Jesus Christ is born!
Come to the light of our Savior. Come to the child, a King.
Come to the light of Jesus.
Come to the light. Come to the light, our King.*

Come All Ye Faithful

*Come, all ye faithful.
Come into the light and see this Child who is born tonight.
“Glory to God,” the angels sing. Come, worship Christ the King!
Come adore Him. Lift every voice and sing,
“Gloria, gloria,” to our Savior and King!*

*Gloria, sing, “Gloria in excelsis Deo.”
Gloria, sing, “Gloria in excelsis Deo!” Come! O, come!*

*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!
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.
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him! O, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!*

Come to the Light

Dennis Rasmussen, Soloist

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
“Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven’s all gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing!
Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing.
And ever o’er its Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing!*

*For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song, which now the angels sing.*

Sing We All Noel
Randy Ball, Soloist

Noel! Now sing we Noel! We sing! Noel! Now sing we, sing we all Noel!

*See now the shining star that will lead us to One so far.
To the earth, it gave great light. Let's go to see it this holy night!
Singing Noel! Singing Noel! Sing we all Noel!*

*See now this wondrous sight. See the Christ Child that's born tonight.
From the darkness, He gave great light.
Let's go to see Him this Holy night!
Singing Noel! Singing Noel! Sing we all Noel! Noel! Singing Noel!
Sing we all Noel!*

Candlelight Christmas Cannon
Rachelle Cox, Soloist

*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, darkness flies, all is light.
Shepherds hear the angels sing, "Alleluia! Hail the King!
Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born"
Silent night, holy, holy night, all is calm, all is bright!*

*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, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.*

*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, our Savior!
Christ the Savior is born!*

Rise Up, Children, Arise!

Kay Ferguson, Soloist

*Rise up! Rise up! Rise up, children, and follow!
Rise up! Rise up! Rise up! Children, arise!*

*There's a Baby born in Bethlehem. Rise up, children!
And a star will lead us straight to Him. Rise up, children arise!
Take each other by the hand. Follow, children!
Go and tell the news to every land! Rise up, children, arise!
Go and tell that He is born! He is born! Tell the news this joyful morn!*

*Take each other by the hand. Go and tell the news to every land!
Rise up, children arise! Take each other by the hand. Follow, children!
Go and tell the news to every land! Rise up, children arise!
Rise up! Follow! Rise up, children, and follow!
Follow the star now to Bethlehem! Rise up, children, arise!*

*Go, tell it on the mountain; over the hills and everywhere!
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
Children, go, tell it on the mountain; over the hills and everywhere!
Children, go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born, is born!
Rise, children, arise! Arise!*

Darkness Into Light

Claudia Mitcham & Michele White, Soloists

*Out of the night, there came a Son; a Holy Child, the Holy One.
He came as hope, peace, joy, and love.
He brought the Light of God from heaven above.
The Son of God, Emmanuel; the Prince of Peace with us to dwell.
God sent His only Son that Christmas night;
and turned our darkness into light!*

*O come to us. Abide with us; God with us, Emmanuel.
With heart and voice, we will rejoice!
You are the Light of God sent from above.
The Son of God, Emmanuel; the Prince of Peace with us to dwell.
God sent His only Son that Christmas night;
and turned our darkness into light!
He turned our darkness into light!*

Come to the Light

*Come to the light of a Savior. Come to the light of a King.
Son of God, Redeemer; to Him, the angels sing.
Glory to God in the Highest; Glory to God, our King.
Come to the light of Jesus, Come to the light.
Come to the light. Come to the light, our King.*

Hallelujah! Lord of Light

**Congregation:*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of Light!
Lord of giving and forgiving, bless us on this holy night.
Christ, our Savior, blessed Redeemer,
Joy from heaven to earth come down.
Praises sing to God, our Father, for this One who wears a crown.*

BENEDICTION

*Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Giver of eternal Light!
Glory to the Son of Mary, born to us this holy night.
Sing to God our songs of praises. Hallelujah! Let us sing!
Raise to God our joyful chorus, "Glory to the Newborn King!"*

*Choir only:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!*

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

**Stephanie Carson, Music Director
David Furr, Organist**

Choir:

Soprano:

Elaine Cornillaud
Rachelle Cox
Susan Curry
Kay Ferguson
Sandee Gares
Rollie Haugen
Marion Homer
Kristen Ingram
Lea Kirdatt
Debbie Lang
Jessie Lusk
Mary McCauley
Vickie Mills
Gail Rothrock
Betty Spoerl
Mickey Stewart
Michele White
Mary Ellen
Zeigler

Alto:

Babs Bailey
Melanie Brown
Emily Cantin
Susan Gajentan
Barbara Jordan
Sally Keith

Jill Loomis
Aimee McDermott
Claudia Mitcham
Mary Sue Schell
Jeanne Stephen
Emily Sutphin

Tenor:

Randy Ball
Steve Lang
Bill Martin
Dennis Rasmussen
Mike Wood

Bass:

Jack Alwood
Steve Anderson
Ken Carder
Mike Elza
Jim Ferguson
Peter Gajentan
David Hamilton Jr.
Nick Hodson
Larry Stephen
John Sutphin

Narrators:

Dee & Chris Bryant

Instruments:

Violin: Melanie Schulz
Violin: Mary Loos
Viola: Virginia Lamboley
Cello: Lyle Lamboley
Flute: Adrienne Clover
Oboe: Darlene Davis
Clarinet: Tony Fuoco
Bassoon: Kevin O'Leary
French Horn: Laura O'Leary
Piano/Organ: David Furr