

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– December 24, 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!

Worship Schedule for December 24 & 31st

December 24: Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship—4:30pm
Christmas Eve Traditional Worship— 7:00pm
(*Childcare not offered at 4:30 & 7:00 services*)

December 31: Contemporary Worship Service—9:00am
Traditional Worship Service—11:00am

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

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.

Annual Report Deadline

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 7th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to communications@northwoodpc.org. There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

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.

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!

2023 Contributions

Giving intended for 2023 must be received in the church office by noon on Friday, December 29th or postmarked no later than December 29, 2023. Contributions which are processed electronically through your bank's online bill pay or via our website must be initiated much earlier (probably no later than December 27) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2023.

Pledge Cards for 2024

Thank you for your faithful answer to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2023. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2023.

Attendance for 12/17/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Christmas Cantata—283

Livestream from the Church Website: 206

Facebook Live: 231 views Total: 720

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 24th

10:00 am - One Worship Service

4:30 pm - Contemporary Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 27th

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

Friday, December 29th

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

Sunday, December 31st

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10:05 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/7a540c63ab6c/citylightupdate322022-13537988>