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Bulletin
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

December 31, 2023
11:00am



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Prayer for the Public Worship of God
December 31, 2023
1st Sunday of Christmas
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”
Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Let us proclaim the gracious deeds of God;

People: for the steadfast love of the Lord is great.

Leader: Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,

People: and the light that will shine upon the nations.

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

People: in faith let us worship God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of love, as we reflect on this past year and look to live out our faith in the year upcoming, we confess our weaknesses, our broken promises, and our lack of faith in your goodness and grace. O Dear Lord, for our sins of commission and omission,

may you show us mercy, grant us forgiveness and by your grace empower us to live faithful lives that make a difference for Jesus' sake for it is in his name that 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

“Who Is This Child?”

Ben Harlan

Michele White, Soloist

*Why to this Babe do angels sing, and why do treasure wise men bring?
And why a crown about His head as shepherds worship at His bed?*

Refrain: Who is this Child so sweet and mild?

Is He a child or a king? Is He a child or a King?

*A glistening star lights up the sky, a brighter light shines in reply.
One tiny Infant clothed with grace, gives life to all who seek His face.
Refrain*

*Come bow before this Holy One, the newborn Christ,
God's chosen Son,
A child who at His royal birth was heaven's gift to all the earth.
Refrain*

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, for ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY—#606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #145**

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 4:4-7 (NRSV)

SERMON

**“A Time For a New Beginning”
Chris Curvin, Pastor**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #546 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” SICILIAN MARINERS**

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

arr. Alfred Fedak

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

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