

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– December 1, 2024

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, November 17th at 10:00am. WELCOME!**

Sermon Series: “Unexpected Presents”

Beginning next Sunday, and the Sundays leading up to the celebration of Christ’s birth, our Pastor, Chris Curvin, will be offering a series of sermons entitled, “*Unexpected Presents*.” These sermons focus on Christmas as the celebration of the mysterious, yet real presence of God who came into a world that was neither safe nor secure. Into the darkness of our world we celebrate the coming of an unexpected presence. The prophet Isaiah promises that into our lives comes a great light! (Isaiah 9:2-7). Regardless of what presents you hope to find under your Christmas tree this year through these sermons and the songs we sing in worship, we hope you will remember that into the darkness and misery of our world, ***God with us*** is the true and very real unexpected presence we receive at Christmas.

HEP & Beth-El Angel Tree

It’s that time of year when we have the opportunity to help our adopted families with Christmas! This year we are working with families from the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry and with HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). The HEP house ornaments will be on the Angel Tree in the narthex starting **now through Dec. 1**. The Beth-El angels will be on the tree **Dec. 8 - Sunday, Dec. 15**. All decorations will have gift items printed on them. Select as many houses and angels as you like. **The dates when all gifts need to be returned are printed on the house and angel ornaments.** Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

Ring, Sing & Mingle – December 8

December 8th at 4:00pm, Northwood's three handbell choirs will present a variety of Christmas Music interspersed with Carol singing and ending with a cookie reception. At the festive reception there will be a photo booth backdrop, so bring your phones for pics and wear your Christmas finery to get some great family shots for your Christmas Cards this year. Please bring homemade cookies for the event. That's the best part!! Cookies may be dropped off the morning or afternoon of December 8th. There will be a table in the hallway with a sign up sheet for cookies and general help with the mingle this Sunday and next Sunday. Thanks for any help you can give!

NPC Garden Club—Dec. 14, 9am-12pm

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, December 14th, from 9:00am-12:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our next landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Please bring working gloves, any tools you prefer working with, and a diligent spirit. Please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com with any questions.

Christmas Cantata– December 15—10am One Service

The Cantata featuring our Chancel Choir and Instruments will be performed Sunday, December 15th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.

Poinsettias

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? 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 15) 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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— December 13

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 13th at 10:30 in rooms 11&13. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme “Windows to the World,” Mike and Linda O’Leary will provide the program “Ancient Mediterranean Treasures” Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Hurricane Response

As we as a congregation pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters who have been impacted by the Hurricane, we are gathering information about how we as a church can help. Checks should be made payable to Northwood Presbyterian Church with “Hurricane Relief” in the memo line. Contributions can also be made online through the church’s website or delivered to the church office or delivered during normal business hours (9:00am – 3pm M-F).

Youth Ministry

Every Sunday morning, the youth, which includes middle school, high school and college age students, will meet for Sunday School at 10:00am in the youth room. Wednesday evenings we will have Youth Group meet at 6pm in the youth room. Game night will meet on Fridays from 7pm-10pm in the youth room/FLC. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090 x2008.

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study—Dec. 10

All Women are Welcome!

Presbyterian Women, Sister in Christ, are using a Bible study called “*Let Justice Roll Down.*” The lesson will be Tuesday, December 10th at 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas brunch to follow and please bring a dish to share. All are invited! If you’d like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

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. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church’s expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving 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

Pledge Cards for 2025

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 2024. 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 2024.

Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD **CHURCH TODAY**

GREETERS:

- (9:00) Jill Manning & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Gretchen Worth & Lois Harber

USHERS:

- (9:00) Georgia Rounding & Cindy Gamble
- (11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) Linda Granata & Mia VanNess
- (11:00) Leslie Henley & Dee Rivers

Greeter Ministry

Northwood Presbyterian has a reputation for being a warm, friendly and welcoming church. Our Greeter Ministry plays a very important role in this reputation. Our greeters are volunteers who are the first point of contact for our visitors and members. Wouldn't you like to greet and be blessed as well? If you are interested in becoming involved in this very important ministry, please contact Cindy Gamble, the Deacon responsible for greeters in the 9:00 service at gamblecindy3@gmail.com. The Deacon responsible for greeters in the 11:00 service is Barbara Forsyth. She can be reached at gulfvu@hotmail.com.

Email Scam Alert

Some members have received scam emails that appear to be from our pastor, in past years. The emails, disguised as his, request you purchase gift cards and email the card's numbers to him. Other churches have the same problem. As a rule, our church staff will never solicit funds by email. If you receive such an email, please forward the message to the church office but do not respond to it.

Large Print Bibles, Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Tuesday, December 3: Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz,
Kerry McDermott

Wednesday, December 4: Mary McCauley

Thursday, December 5: Carol Sprung, Robert Fehringer,
Mickey Stewart

Friday, December 6: Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox, Shane Alexander

Saturday, December 7: Kelly Tighe

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Friends of Northwood



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2024 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org. Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation.

Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

Nursery

The Nursery is available for childcare during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. Our staff are screened and trained to provide safe, caring and entertaining supervision to your little ones while you attend Worship.

Did you know?

There are complimentary greeting cards available in the library directly to your left as you enter. These are provided and kept up to date by the Deacons.

Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 3rd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)

Attendance for 11/24/24 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 59 In-Person Traditional— 139

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 168

Traditional—84

Facebook Live: 278 views

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!