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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
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11:00am



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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 1, 2024
1st Sunday in Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “The Prayer” arr. Joel Raney
Jubilation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stephanie Carson

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,

People: but the word of God endures forever.

Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;

People: the promise of God will surely be fulfilled.

All: Let us worship God!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #82 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL**

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle

Barbara Jordan & Claudia Mitchum

The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

RESPONSE

Reader: And so wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.

All: We wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

All Singing: *(sung to the tune "Away In a Manger")*

MUELLER

**Candle is burning , a flame warm and bright,
a candle of HOPE; in December's dark night;
while angels sing blessings from heavens starry sky,
our hearts we prepare for Jesus is nigh.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God, You are a God of Hope. Truly, You have given us every reason to believe that we can count on you. In Jesus Christ, you have blessed us with a living hope with which to live our lives. And yet it seems that we are forever transferring our sure and certain hope in you to the wishful thinking and empty promises of this world. As a result, it is no surprise when the undercurrent of anxiety and uncertainty encompasses our lives. Forgive us, dear Lord! In your mercy may we say with the Psalmist, "Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him". This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

***APOSTLES' CREED** (*Together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Every Valley”

John Ness Beck

*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen*

CALL TO OFFERING

***O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL—#88**

VENI EMMANUEL

**O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

**Psalm 96:1-2 (NRSV)
Luke 1:67-79 (NRSV)**

SERMON

**“The Gift of Having a New Song to Sing”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor**

***HYMN #507**

“Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #93

“Lift Up Your Heads”

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Trumpet Tune on PICARDY”

arr. Michael Helman

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

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

(Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.)

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