

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– December 15, 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!**

The Christmas Joy Special Offering– TODAY

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received TODAY, December 15th. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. To make this special offering, please use the envelopes provided in your bulletin. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.

Poinsettias

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? **TODAY is the last day to purchase.** For just \$10, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from today's friendship sheet 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.

Worship Schedule for Advent & Christmas Eve

December 22: Sermon Series: Unexpected Presents #2

“More Than Just ‘Merry Christmas’” — 9am & 11am

December 24: Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship—4:30pm

Christmas Eve Traditional Worship— 7:00pm

Upcoming Memorial Services

- A memorial service for Bill Bitner will be held at Northwood on Tuesday, December 17 at 11:00am with a reception to follow.
- A memorial service for Emily McMullen will be held at Northwood on Friday, December 20 at 11:00am.
- A memorial service for Ken Tobiassen will be held at Northwood on Saturday, December 21 at 11:00am with a reception to follow.

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.

Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale

Only a few weeks left to get your closets, extra rooms and garages cleared out and ready for delivery or pick-up for the 2025 Garage Sale. The sale will take place on January 16, 17 and 18, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are only successful in raising funds for the Music Ministry with your generosity! Please invite your family, neighbors and friends to donate and to come to the sale. Cards are available in the narthex to hand out or post. Social media is a great way to get the message out.

All items are welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc. Please no older tv's or entertainment centers. Collections at the church will begin on December 27, 2024. Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and clean-up. Please call or e-mail if you can help or need a donation pick-up – Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 or susankcurry@verizon.net

Jane Sutton Book Club—November 25

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be November 25th. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in room 13 of the Christian Education building. If you are interested in joining or for more information, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 607-382-1781.

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat—Jan. 10-12

It's not too late to register for anyone who is interested in attending the 2025 Women's Retreat. You can pick up a brochure in the church office or register through our website under the Fellowship tab. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Stephen at jeanneestephen@gmail.com

Annual Report Deadline

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 6th 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!

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.

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:

(10:00) Jenny Carlstedt, Elaine & Charlie Rumpel

USHERS:

(10:00) Patty Adams & Mary Kreuziger

COFFEE SERVERS:

(10:00) Hazel Vernon & Beverly Hyden

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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Tuesday, December 17: Melanie Brown, Chris Curvin

Wednesday, December 18: Jack Alwood, Nicole Makal, Kelsey Propst

Thursday, December 19: Jim Lumia

Friday, December 20: Sandy Seckel, Polly Brown,
Jere Gunderman, Karen Gipson

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



**Elaine Cornillaud
In Loving Memory of My Dear Larry**



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!

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.

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 12/8/24 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 47 In-Person Traditional— 130

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 132

Traditional—155

Facebook Live: 263 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!