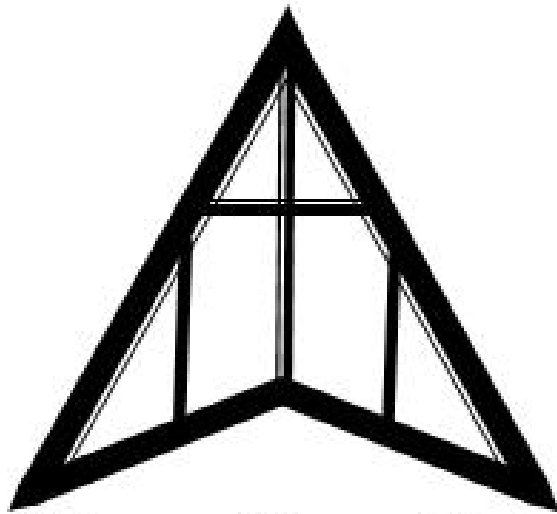


Large Print  
Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**December 28, 2025**  
**7:00pm**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

*Ministers: All Members of the Church*

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**December 28, 2025**  
**1st Sunday of Christmas**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “The Birthday of a King”

arr. Roger Wilson

*(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eli Jeffre

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: the glory of God’s people and a light to all.**

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 #143

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**God of love, as we reflect back on this past year and look forward to living lives of faith in the upcoming year, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions, our broken promises, our selfishness, and our lack of faith in your goodness and grace. O Dear Lord, for these 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 in whose name 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     “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”     Longfellow/Marks  
Soloist, Daryll Cooper

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day their old familiar carols play,  
and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth,  
good will to men.*

*I thought as now this day had come, the belfries of all Christendom,  
had rung so long the unbroken song of peace on earth,  
good will to men.*

*And in despair I bowed my head: “There is no peace on earth,” I said,  
“For hate is strong and mocks the song  
of peace on earth, good will to men.”*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:*

*“God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
with peace on earth, good will to men.”*

*Till, ringing singing, on its way, the world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime, of peace on earth, good will to men!*

## 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, forever. Amen.**

## CALL TO OFFERING

*(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail.)*

## \*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 #146 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:25-32, 36-38 (NRSVUE)

## SERMON

“It IS a Christmas Carol”  
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

## \*HYMN

“There’s a Song In the Air”

CHRISTMAS SONG

*There’s a song in the air! There’s a star in the sky!  
There’s a mother’s deep prayer and a baby’s low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!*

*There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,  
For the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! The star rains its fire while the beautiful sing  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!*

*In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;  
And that song from afar has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing  
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!*

*We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
That comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! We shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
And we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

arr. Mark Hayes

**“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”**

*(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, Music Director; David Furr, Organist**