

**HYMN NOTES:**

The three hymns we sing today are appropriate for Epiphany Day (January 6). “We Three Kings” was written—both words and music—in 1857 by John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891) who after a career as a reporter and tutor, became an Episcopal priest with interests in music. This Epiphany hymn is based on the visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-11) and is the first modern American Christmas carol. He wrote it with the intention of three male soloists singing the stanzas with the congregation singing the refrain. Hopkins was born in Pittsburgh PA and became the first professor of church music at General Theological Seminary. In addition, he designed stained-glass windows and Episcopal seals and forms.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, January 3:** Rocky Davis  
**Monday, January 4:** Martha Tobiassen, Louise Mylin,  
Brenda Williams, Pam Jeffre,  
Olive Scales, Oscar Scales  
**Tuesday, January 5:** Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner  
**Wednesday, January 6:** Robert Holleman, Spencer Briggs  
**Thursday, January 7:** Kristen Faulkner  
**Friday, January 8:** Pat Speer, Joe Cernansky  
**Saturday, January 9:** Susan Gajentan, Cody Carson, Steven Cole



*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 “2021 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto: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!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Wednesday Bible Study**, led by Cindy Huffman

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you'd like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@aol.com) and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

**Experiencing God Class**, led by Vicki Krueger

If you'd like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at [vickilee33@aol.com](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) and she will send you the meeting details each week.

**Fresh Brewed**

Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is February 5th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868.

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Citylight Schedule  
1/3 - 1/10**

- ★ **SUNDAY 1/3**  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
3:30 PM - 5:45 PM - NEW YEARS PARTY  
AT PHILLIPPE PARK #6
- ★ **TUESDAY 1/5**  
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 1/6**  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - CITYNIGHT IN THE GYM,  
MASK REQUIRED
- ★ **SUNDAY 1/10**  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS

**Follow the link to view our weekly email:**  
<https://mailchi.mp/0fd1efa8e844/citylightupdate-12292020>

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**January 3, 2021**

**“What Child Is This”**

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this, is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste, to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;  
the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthron him.  
Raise, raise the song on high.  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary!**

***Ministers: All Members of the Church***

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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*“but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their  
strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not be faint.”*

**Isaiah 40:31**

Order for the Public Worship of God  
January 3, 2021  
2nd Sunday of Christmas  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “What Child Is This?”      John A. Behnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP      “In Joyful Thanksgiving”      George P. Tingley

*In joyful thanksgiving, O God, we assemble  
To sing of your goodness as year turns to year.  
We gather confessing your grace and your blessing,  
With thanks for the story that gathers us here.*

*What, then, can we give you in praise for our journey,  
When all the earth’s treasures were yours from the start?  
We offer our labor, our love for our neighbor,  
Our gifts and the worship of each loving heart.*

–Ruth Duck, Words and music © 2015 Hope Publishing Co.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #151      “We Three Kings of Orient Are”      KINGS OF ORIENT

*(refrain after stanzas 1 and 5 only)*

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

*Refrain:* **O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.**

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God most high.**

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breaths a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.**

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.** *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION      Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Almighty and loving God, You do not change with the changing years,  
but we are creatures of time. As we look back at the road we have  
traveled, we give thanks for Your faithful mercies along the way.  
Where the road has been dark, You have not failed us though we have  
often failed You. Forgive us we pray. You are our guide and our goal,  
our strength and our stay. In this new year, may we trust in You and  
lean not on our own understanding. In all our ways may we acknowl-  
edge You, confidentially trusting that You will lead us on our life’s  
journey in faith, hope and love. In Jesus’ name and for his sake we  
pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      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.**

SOLO      “Star-Led and Wonder Bound”      Mary Kay Beall  
Barbara Jordan, Soloist

*You don’t have to be a king to worship him. You don’t have to be a king to follow the star.  
You don’t have to be a king to worship him; just come as you are. You can be*

*Star-led and wonder bound, led by a star’s light to Bethlehem town,  
Bound for the wonder that waits to be found, star-led and wonder bound.*

*You don’t have to travel far to welcome him. You don’t have to travel far to look on his face.  
You don’t have to travel far to welcome him. He’s here, here in this place. Come and be*

*You don’t have to bring a gift to honor him. You don’t have to bring a gift of silver or gold.  
You don’t have to bring a gift to honor him, just come, come and behold. Come and be*

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #150      “As with Gladness Men of Old”      DIX

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.**

**As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before thee, whom heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

**Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING      Matthew 2:1-12(NRSV)

SERMON      “An Epiphany of Hope and Meaning for the New Year”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF  
THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a  
small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #145      “What Child Is This”      GREENSLEEVES

*(see front cover)*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      “Fanfare Toccata on DIX”      David Lasky

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

IGNITE

*ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the  
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media  
& Scripture Based*

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE CAROL**

“The First Noel”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE CAROL**

“The Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

*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 cruci-  
fied, 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.*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Silver and Gold”

**SCRIPTURE**

*Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)*

**MESSAGE**

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“What Child Is This”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**