

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, January 2: Sheena Watkins, Cambia Woodford, Robert Wood
Monday, January 3: Rocky Davis
Tuesday, January 4: Martha Tobiasen, Louise Mylin, Pam Jeffre, Brenda Williams, Olive Scales, Oskar Scales
Wednesday, January 5: Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner
Thursday, January 6: Robert Holleman, Spencer Briggs
Friday, January 7: Kristen Faulkner
Saturday, January 8: Pat Speer, Joe Cernansky



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. 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Jill Manning
(11:00) Ellen Stoup



USHERS:

(9:00) Cindy Gamble & Elaine Cornillaud
(11:00) Kim Blackmore

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Experiencing God Class

led by Vicki Krueger

Experiencing God Class has started!

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We will be meeting online using Zoom. Email Vicki Krueger at vickilee33@aol.com for the link and for any technical help or questions.

Presbyterian Women

led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women unified circle meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in rooms 4-8. We are studying a 9 month bible study entitled *What my Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair. Chris Curvin will be teaching each lesson via Livestream, and our circle will have a follow-up discussion of the lesson. The fifth lesson will be Thursday, January 6th at 11:00am. If you'd like a book, or more information regarding the multiple activities that Presbyterian Women engage in, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, January 7th at 10:30am. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 of the Christian Education building. The book we are studying is *From Daughters to Disciples* by Lynn Japinga. If you need a book, please contact Marti Huff at marti.huff.np@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule 12/29 - 1/9

WEDNESDAY 12/29
9:00 AM - 7:00 AM - LOCK IN
SIGN UP REQUIRED \$10

SUNDAY 1/2
9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 1/5
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT - DINNER PROVIDED

FRIDAY 1/7
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 1/9
9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP CHAT VIA ZOOM

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
<https://mailchi.mp/3f9e3de08f8d/citylightupdate-6529547>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

January 2, 2021

*HYMN #151

"We Three Kings"

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, worshipping 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**

Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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

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*"When they saw that the star had stopped,
they were overwhelmed with joy.
On entering the house,
they saw the child with Mary his mother;
and they knelt down and paid him homage."*

Matthew 2:10-11

Order for the Public Worship of God
January 2, 2022
2nd Sunday of Christmas
11:00 AM Worship Service

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Lullaby on The First Nowell” June Nixon (1997)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Chris Curvin, Pastor
Leader: Come, let us close the doors to our past that we might enter fully into God’s new day.
People: We pause in the midst of time to ponder the vast reaches of eternity.
Leader: For everything there is a season: a time to mourn and weep, a time to dance and laugh.
People: God has made everything beautiful; how wonderful, beyond our knowing, are all God’s works!
Leader: How majestic is God’s name in all the earth! Let us worship God.

*HYMN #147 “The First Nowell” THE FIRST NOWELL
(stanzas 1,2,5,6)
The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.
They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. Refrain

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh, and frankincense. Refrain

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath brought. Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together) Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Eternal God: you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can’t forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong, and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the 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

*NICENE CREED (Together)
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for

us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. Amen.

SOLO “Who Is This Child” Benjamin Harlan
Michele White, Soloist arr. Tom Fettke
Why to this Babe do angels sing, and why do treasure wise men bring?
And why a crown about His head as shepherds worship at His bed?
Who is the Child so sweet and mild? Is He a child or a king?

A glist’ning star lights up the sky, a brighter light shines in reply.
One tiny Infant clothed with grace, gives life to all who seek His face.
Who is this Child so sweet and mild? Is He a child or a king?
Come bow before this Holy One, the newborn Christ, God’s chosen Son,
A child who at His royal birth was heaven’s gift to all the earth.
Who is this Child so sweet and mild? Is He a child or a king? He is a Child, and our King.

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

SERMON “The Wise Ones” Chris Curvin, Pastor

*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 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
(If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this 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 #151 “We Three Kings” KINGS OF ORIENT
(see front cover)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Variations on As With Gladness ” Walter Pelz (1985)

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; Robert Todd, Guest Organist

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 SONG
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAISE SONG
“The First Noel”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“He Has Come For Us”

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 2:1–12 (NRSV)
MESSAGE
“The Wise Ones” Chris Curvin, Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION
(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.)

SONG OF DEDICATION
“It’s Christmas”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU