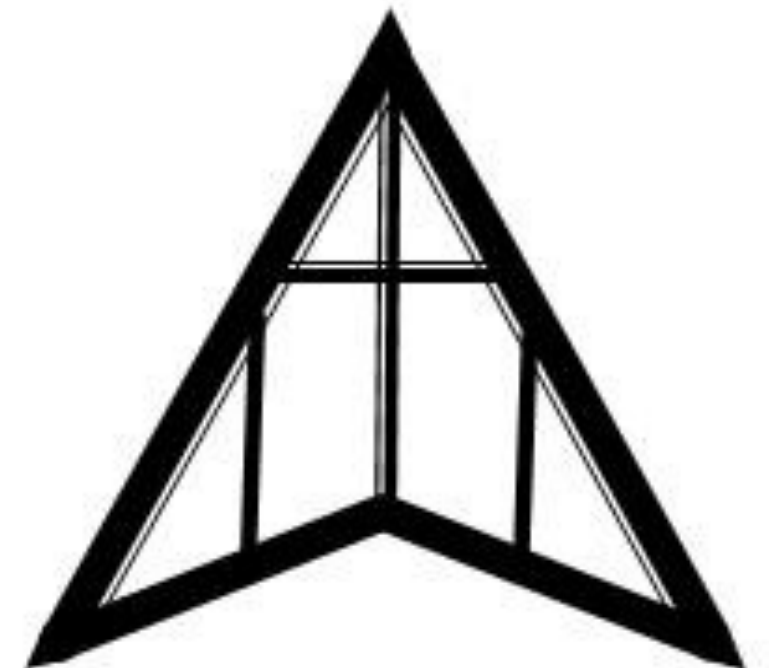


Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

January 1, 2023



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz
Our monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be January 10th at 10:00am in rooms 4,6 & 8 of the Christian education building. We are using a 9 month study titled "Celebrating Sabbath". If you need a book, they are available for purchase in the church office.

Fresh Brewed,
Fresh Brewed meets the first Friday of the month at 10:30am. We meet in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building. Our next meeting will be January 6th. The book we are studying is *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com. For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at marti.huff.np@gmail.com.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood & Garry Justice
The adult Sunday School/Bible Study class meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 5 & 7. We are studying the two letters of Peter. Please bring Bible and Wright commentary book. New members are welcome!

Citylight Youth Schedule 12/23 - 1/8/23

Friday 12/23
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night
Bring a \$10 Gift for the White Elephant Exchange

Saturday 12/24
4:30 pm - Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm - Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Sunday 12/25
10:00 am - Christmas Service
No Sunday School

Wednesday 12/28
No Citynight

Friday 12/30
10:00 pm - 8:00 am - LOCK-IN - Sign Up & Permission Slip REQUIRED to participate in the LOCK-IN - \$10 per student.

Sunday 1/1
9:00 am - Contemporary Service
No Sunday School
11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday 1/4
No Citynight

Friday 1/6
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night

Sunday 1/8
9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School Brunch
11:00 am - Traditional Service

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
<https://mailchi.mp/ec734a4155c5/citylightupdate322022-13514216>

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, January 1: Jacob Mattheus
Monday, January 2: Sheena Watkins, Cambia Woodford, Robert Wood
Tuesday, January 3: Rocky Davis
Wednesday, January 4: Martha Tobiassen, Louise Mylin, Brenda Williams, Pam Jeffre
Thursday, January 5: Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner
Friday, January 6: Robert Holleman, Spencer Briggs
Saturday, January 7: Deb Clarkson, Kristen Faulkner



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 "2023 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:
(9:00)
(11:00) Linda & Mike O'Leary



USHERS:
(9:00) Carol Zieres & Cindy Gamble
(11:00)

*"When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.
"Get up," he said,
"take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt.
Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.""*

Matthew 2:13

Order for the Public Worship of God
January 1, 2023
1st Sunday of Christmas
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Carillon de Westminster” Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Susan Curry

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!
People: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
Leader: I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
People: the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Leader: Let us worship God.

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

*HYMN #145 “What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES
**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 Kind, 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 mirrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
**Eternal God: you make all things new. 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. For
give the past; do not let the roads we have followed in the past cripple
or shame us. Lead us into the future by another road, free from sin,
free to love and ready to work and glorify 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**

*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together- see back panel Ignite service for Creed)*

SOLO “Who Is This Child?” Ben Harlan/arr. Tom Fettke
Michele White, solo

CALL TO OFFERING

*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 #159 “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” KINGSFORD
(stanzas 1,2)
**O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.
Of Jesus’ birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.**

**O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers’ breath, and for the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

SERMON “When the Celebration of Christmas Fades
in the Face of Life’s Challenges”
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
**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 relation
ship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #110 “Love Has Come” BRING A TORCH
**Love has come; a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**God from the house of David a child of grace has given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the Herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinners eyes.
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”
Johann Pachelbel

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*
Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, 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

“The First Noel”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Susan Curry

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“He Has Come For Us”

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

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HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

“It’s Christmas”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU