

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

**Sunday, January 8:** Pat Speer, Joe Cernansky  
**Monday, January 9:** Susan Gajentan, Cody Carson, Steven Cole  
**Tuesday, January 10:** Patrick Turner, Riley Nigels  
**Wednesday, January 11:** Elaine Findley, Shannon Dipolitto, Andrew Carlstedt  
**Thursday, January 12:** Michele White, Megan Giese  
**Friday, January 13:** Alice Nisk  
**Saturday, January 14:** Ashley Long, Brianna Winder, Brooke Estavil



*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](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!

### FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

#### GREETERS:

(9:00) Ann & Spencer Briggs  
(11:00) Linda & Mike O'Leary



#### USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Georgia Rounding  
(11:00) Beth Linville & Mary Kreuziger

*"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."*

*Isaiah 60:1*

## 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 February 3rd. 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](mailto:LVNM1@hotmail.com). For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at [marti.huff.np@gmail.com](mailto: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 Schedule 1/6 - 1/15

#### Friday 1/6

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm - Game Night Offsite at Maple Lanes - Sign up in weekly email

#### Sunday 1/8

9:00 am - Contemporary Service  
10:05 am - Sunday School Brunch in Youth Room  
11:00 am - Traditional Service

#### Wednesday 1/11

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight

#### Friday 1/13

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night off Site - Celebration Station - Sign up in weekly email

#### Saturday 1/14

8:00 am - 12:00 pm - Church Garage Sale - Donut Stand Volunteers Needed

#### Sunday 1/15

9:00 am - Contemporary Service  
10:05 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Traditional Service

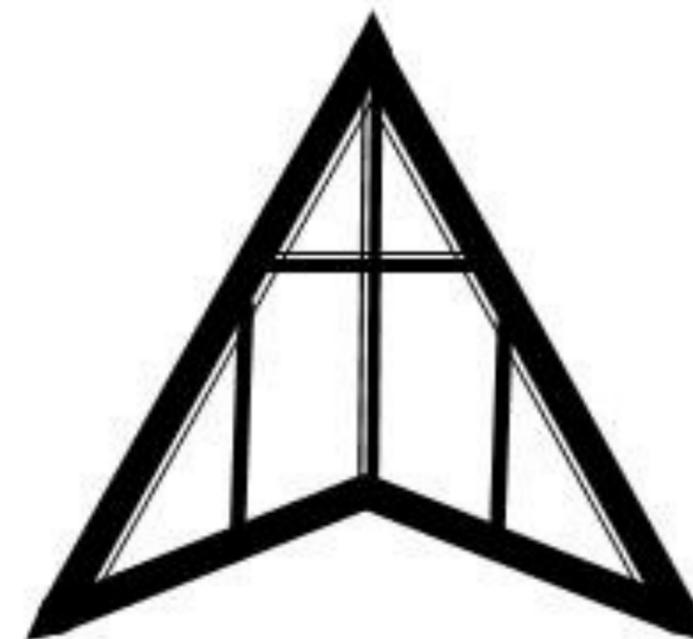
#### Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/adc4d46f6b37/citylightupdate322022-13515580>

# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

## January 8, 2023



# 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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Order for the Public Worship of God  
January 8, 2023  
Epiphany of the Lord  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”  
arr. David Cherwien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive*)

Leader: Come, let us close the doors to our past to enter fully into God’s new day.

**People: We pause in this New Year to ponder the questions we have about life and faith.**

Leader: God has made everything beautiful; wonderful, beyond all our understanding.

**People: How majestic is God’s name in all the earth! Let us worship God.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

**\*HYMN #150** “As With Gladness Men of Old” DIX  
(stanzas 1,3,4)

**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 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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)

**God of Enlightenment: you make all things new and forgive old wrongs. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years with out purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let our bad decisions 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**

ANTHEM “Go Tell the News/Go, Tell It on the Mountain”  
(from *Christmas Cantata, “Festival of Christmas”*) arr. Mary McDonald  
Soloists: Barbara Jordan & Randy Ball

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

**\*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 #152** “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright” PUER NOBIS  
**What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?  
‘Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.**

**‘Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, “From Jacob shall a star proceed”;  
and lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord’s command.**

**While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord conveys  
and urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light.**

**O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 60:1-3; 6b (NRSV)  
Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

SERMON “Living with Questions”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**\*HYMN #151** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” KINGS OF ORIENT  
(*refrain after stanzas 1,3 & 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. *Refrain***

**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***

**\*BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Rondeau” Jean-Joseph Mouret

*\*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**

“Our God (O Come, All Ye Faithful)”

**MEET & GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Silver and Gold”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**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.*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Let It Be Christmas”

**SCRIPTURES**

Isaiah 60:1-3; 6b (NRSV)  
Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

**SERMON**

“Living with Questions”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“We Three Kings”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

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