

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (82,83)**

This Advent hymn is one of 13 written by the Rev. Charles Wesley (1707-1788) appearing in our hymnal, *Glory to God*. Wesley was the eighteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. In 1735 he came to colonial Georgia as secretary to General Oglethorpe. He was already an Anglican priest but rededicated his life to Christ and wrote over 6000 hymns. He, along with his brother John Wesley, dedicated his ministry to the Methodist movement but remained in the Church of England his entire life.

The hymn first appeared as #10 in Wesley’s *Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord*, 1744. The collection was reprinted 20 times in Wesley’s lifetime, yet the hymn does not appear in any British Methodist hymnal until 1876. According the eminent African-American music scholar, William Farley Smith, this hymn has particular meaning for many African Americans who affirm the essential mission of Jesus Christ and his Church as setting free the prisoner and the slave.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, November 29:** Will Curvin, Max Gipson
- Monday, November 30:** Carol Anderson, Kelly Tighe
- Tuesday, December 1:** Martha Carland, Nancy Suzor
- Thursday, December 3:** Betty Beattie, Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Kerry McDermott
- Saturday, December 5:** Robert Fehringer, Jackie Rice, Mickey Stewart



*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*



**Jackie & Jerry Koski**



**In Memory of Clifford Reimer**

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 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!

*“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Jesus Christ, for in every way you have been enriched in Him, in speech and knowledge of every kind...”*

**1 Corinthians 1:4-5**

**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 [lucindyl@aol.com](mailto:lucindyl@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 December 4th. 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**

**11/29 - 12/6**

- ★ **SUNDAY 11/29**  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
- ★ **TUESDAY 12/1**  
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 12/2**  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - OUTDOOR CITYNIGHT
- ★ **SUNDAY 12/6**  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS  
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM

Follow the link to view our weekly email:  
<https://mailchi.mp/346a79beaee7/citylightupdate11-22-2020>

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**November 29, 2020**



**FIRST SUNDAY OF**

*Advent*

**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  
November 29, 2020  
1st Sunday of Advent  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope.

**People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord.

**People: For with the Lord there is unfailing love, with Him there is plenteous redemption.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Festive Improvisation on VENI EMMANUEL” Aaron David Miller

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL  
(stanzas 1,2,3)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily:  
To us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height  
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle

Nancy Stevens & Ellen Stoup

*The reader offers words about the candle of hope.*

RESPONSE

Reader: ...and so we offer this mysterious prayer:

All: **Lord Jesus, into our darkness, quickly come.**

All singing: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**Holy God, we confess that far too often we do not walk in the light of your love. We use, manipulate and hurt others to get what we want, and all the while not taking seriously the poor and hungry. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to your transforming Word, so that we may be ready to live a life of faith and welcome you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CAROL

**Come home with shouts of joyous praise; let now your weeping cease.  
Good news will come to broken hearts, good news of love and peace.  
Proclaim God’s favor every day, and comfort those who mourn.  
Oppressed will hear of liberty, and hope will be reborn.**

ANTHEM “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Joseph M. Martin  
(Westminster Youth Choir, recorded on December 10, 2017)

*Watchman tell us of the night. Tell us of the coming Light.  
Comfort, comfort ye my people. Sing of peace, thus saith our God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning ‘neath their heavy load.*

*Comfort, comfort ye my people. Speak unto Jerusalem.  
Comfort, comfort ye my people. Sing them a song of peace.  
Tell them their warfare is over.*

*Veni, veni, veni Emmanuel! Behold the coming of the Lord!*

*Watchman tell us of the night,  
tell us of the coming dawn,  
Fill our hearts with hope and light.  
Fill our lives with joyful song.*

*Hark, the voice of one who crieth.  
In the desert far and near.  
Calling to a world in darkness.  
See the kingdom now is here.*

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #82 “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL  
**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our dears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-12 NRSV  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 NRSV

SERMON Advent Series: The World Is Not Yet Finished  
#1 “Turning Towards Hope”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TRURO  
**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer and love  
and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Lift Up Your Heads” David Cherwien  
*from Advent Suite*

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 Sermons.

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE**

Babs Bailey & Georgia Rounding

**VIDEO**

“Advent: Hope”

**PRAISE SONG**

“Emmanuel”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP SONG**

“Our God” with “O Come All Ye Faithful”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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**MESSAGE**

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!