


**HYMN NOTES:**  
**“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (96)**  
 When John Chandler (1806-1878) translated this hymn from Latin he thought that it was a medieval work, but it was by the distinguished French scholar of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Charles Coffin (1676-1749). Coffin wrote more than 100 hymns in Latin. Its theme is John the Baptist’s announcement of Christ’s advent and his call to the people of Israel to repent and prepare for His coming.  
 The text has undergone many revisions, and today it is hard to find two hymnals in which the text is the same. Almost all hymnals include the same five verses (most modern hymnals leave out the original second stanza), but the wording changes quite significantly between texts.  
 The overall theme of the verses, however, is evident regardless of the version used. Stanzas one and two are a message to us, instructing us to prepare the way of the Lord today. In stanza three, we confess our need for salvation, in stanza four we pray for healing and love, and stanza five (not in our *Glory to God* hymnal) acts as a doxology. We will use the alternate tune today PUER NOBIS NASCITUR which is used for five other texts in our hymnal (ex. #152)

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**


**Sunday, December 6:** Harry Seckman, Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox, Shane Alexander

**Monday, December 7:** Laura Turner, David Hamilton



**Tuesday, December 8:** Roger Snay, Wanda Fanning, Susan Glaser, Barbara Jordan, Beverly Van Zyl

**Thursday, December 10:** Blake Estavil

**Friday, December 11:** Eleanor Cicerchi, Murle Whitten, David O’Leary, Mark O’Leary

*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 “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!

*As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
 “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you  
 who will prepare your way;  
 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make his paths straight..’”*

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**Mark 1:2-3**

# 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 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**  
**12/6 - 12/13**

- ★ **SUNDAY 12/6**  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
 10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
- ★ **TUESDAY 12/8**  
 8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 12/9**  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - OUTDOOR CITYNIGHT (PREPPING FOR DROP N SHOP)
- ★ **SUNDAY 12/13**  
 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
 10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - DROP N SHOP (YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE AT 12:00 PM)  
 7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

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*A Stephen Ministry Church  
 Organized February 19, 1978*

**December 6, 2020**



SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent

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 E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
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