

### 2020 Contributions

Giving intended for 2020 must be received in the church office by noon on Thursday, December 31 or postmarked no later than December 31, 2020. Contributions which are processed electronically through your bank's online bill pay or via our website must be initiated much earlier (probably no later than December 26) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2020.

### Pledge Cards for 2021

Thank you for your faithful response to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2020. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! If you have yet to do so, please do so as soon as possible as pledge cards are available in the sanctuary pews, in the Church Office and in the Narthex. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2020. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2021.

#### Pledge Update (YTD)

	<u>As of</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Families/Givers</u>
Stewardship 2021	12/10/2020	\$408,593	131
Stewardship 2020	12/10/2019	\$508,237	166

### Special \$300 Tax Deduction

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, includes a temporary special \$300 deduction designed for people who choose to take the standard deduction. This deduction lowers both adjusted gross income and taxable income for those making donations to organizations like Northwood and translates into tax savings for the donor. Be sure to consult your tax preparer to see how this new deduction might benefit you.

### Your Giving Matters

Even when we can't be together, your giving matters. We want to continue being the church in our community and to each and every one of you in the days ahead. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options



### Announcements– December 13, 2020

#### **WELCOME GUESTS!**

Welcome to worship through our livestreaming while we are not gathering in public worship! We are all learning how to be a new church in this unprecedented time. Let us know of prayer requests through the church website, and seek to give online, by text and by mail. We are offering ways to meet on the computer or smart phones through existing programs called **Zoom** and **Microsoft Teams**. Contact our church office- [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. WELCOME!



### Christmas Poinsettias

This is the last Sunday you may order Christmas poinsettias in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Be sure to attach the information to your payment so we can include your name in the bulletin. If you pay on line for the poinsettias, you will need to send an email to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in their memory or honor.



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### The Christmas Joy Special Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received next **Sunday, December 20th**. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.

### Garage Sale Postponed

Seeking to plan and offer large events with numerous volunteers needed continues to be a challenge in the current virus climate, so we have decided to postpone the garage sale for a later date in 2021. Please save your stuff!! Thank you! Stephanie Carson and Susan Curry

### One Service Christmas Eve – 7:30 Livestreaming Only

Northwood will offer one Thursday evening, Christmas Eve Service which will be live streamed at 7:30 PM on the church's website and Facebook page. Large gatherings and in-person worship continues to be suspended until further notice to protect our most vulnerable members and their families during the current high rate of transmission of COVID-19. Please join us for our many virtual programs.

### Virtual Online Attendance for 12/6/2020

Livestream from the church website: Contemporary Service—71  
Traditional Service—69

Facebook Live: 230 views between both services      Total Views: 370

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

### Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study

#### Livestream and Facebook Live—Dec. 17, 12:00pm

Thursday, December 17th at noon, Pastor Paul will continue the study on the major themes of Advent. To guide us in our study, we will be using Timothy Keller's book, Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ. Join us as we reflect on what it means to welcome anew the Christ Child into our hearts, and as a result what it means to live as a dearly beloved child of God.

### Drop-n-Shop TODAY—Dec. 13, 2:00-5:00pm

Drop-n-Shop gives parents the opportunity to drop their children off at the church for a few hours of fun while they can go get stuff done! Given our new way of living, this event will require a mask at all times and an updated 2020-2021 medical/consent form completed. We will have a blend of safe and socially distant indoor & outdoor activities! Kids will be in small groups with an adult counselor and a couple of youth elves! There will be games, craft projects, snack time, and Bible time! We will have the nursery available for our little ones. If you'd like to join us, email Rosalie, our Director of Youth & Families at [bradfordrosalie@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordrosalie@gmail.com)



### NPC Women's Retreat – February 19-21

Come join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship at our annual retreat at Cedarkirk. We're happy to announce that Debra Musgrave Cox will be our speaker! Debra will lead us in examining the idea of "Something Beautiful" by enjoyment of creatin, relationships and restoration of our spirits. Registration is now open and forms are available in the church office or by email. Payment may be made online or by dropping off a check at the office (please earmark NPC WR). Cancellations due to COVID will be fully refundable.

## Citylight Schedule 12/13 - 12/20



- ★ SUNDAY 12/13  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM
- ★ TUESDAY 12/15  
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 12/16  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - OUTDOOR CITYNIGHT
- ★ SUNDAY 12/20  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM - YOUTH & FAMILIES  
CHRISTMAS PARTY - SEE FLYER

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/dd87679ba78c/citylightupdate-1282020>

### Children & Youth: Do You Play a Musical Instrument?

We will continue the tradition of offering pre-service music on Christmas Eve again this year. If you play an instrument and are in 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, you are invited to prepare a sacred Christmas piece for the 7:30 p.m. Christmas service. All the performances will be recorded in advance and then be played prior to the start of the service. If you are interested, text or call Tom Huffman at (727) 409-8726 or send an email to [hufftom@aol.com](mailto:hufftom@aol.com) by Dec. 13th.

### Annual Report Deadline

Annual Report to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff: Please note that the deadline to submit your Annual Report is Wednesday, January 6th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org). If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

### Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at [Communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Communications@northwoodpc.org).

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.