

HYMN NOTES:

#100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” (Canticle of the Turning)

Rory Cooney, a Roman Catholic liturgist, wrote “Canticle of the Turning” in 1988 for Advent at the church he was serving, St. Jerome, in Phoenix, Arizona. There is a beauty and passion about this text that is intensified by the joyful Irish folktune, “The Star of the County Down.” Cooney describes the Canticle as a revolution, a turning around. It is a paraphrase of Luke 1:46-55, known as the Magnificat. The angel Gabriel delivers a message from God to Mary (Luke 1:30) and then her song of the meeting with her relative Elizabeth recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing. “Canticle of the Turning” brings the revolutionary quality and justice focus of Mary’s lyrics into a form we as a congregation can sing. The hymn moves from the hope-filled possibility of God turning the world in the first stanza—“*Could the world be about to turn?*”—and into the present reality that God is turning the world in the final stanza—“*God...is turning the world around*”—with each refrain ringing: “*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.*”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, December 14: Paul Means, Kurt Kemerer
Tuesday, December 15: Christy Rickrode, Stephanie Rickrode
Wednesday, December 16: Bailey Shields, Cheryl Roberts
Thursday, December 17: Melanie Brown, Don Stevens, Chris Curvin
Friday, December 18: Jack Alwood, Nicole Makal, Kelsey Probst
Saturday, December 19: Stephen Williams, Jim Lumia



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



Bill & Patty Martin



In Memory of Our Parents

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

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!

*May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.*

Psalm 126:5-6

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 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 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 January 7th. 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 12/13 - 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>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 13, 2020



THIRD 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
December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Celtic Magnificat” Larry Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Rory Cooney
*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*
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Stephanie Carson, Soloist

PRAYER OF THE DAY Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HYMN #108 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
(stanzas 1,2,3,6)
Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega; he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

By the Word was all created; he commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon’s soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore!

O, that birth forever blessed when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore, and evermore! Amen.

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY
Lighting the Candle, Terry & Elizabeth Curkan
The reader offers words about the candle of joy.

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 how hard it is to continually wear masks, to avoid public gatherings, to spend so much time watching screens. We are losing patience and we want to celebrate faith together. We’re caught between the selfishness of wanting to do whatever we want and wanting to protect those most at risk among our family and friends. Help us when we do not understand the way forward. Re-mind us daily that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Help us in these strange days. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CAROL
True freedom comes when we commit our lives to God’s intent.
When we are oaks of righteousness, prepared and confident.
When wrong no longer reigns within, and selfish pride is gone,
We reap the joy of lives in tune with God’s approaching dawn.

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DUET “Mary, Did You Know?” arr. Bruce Inman
Stephanie Carson & Mark Johnston

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 #100 STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”
Refrain after stanzas 1 & 4 only (Canticle of the Turning)
My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servants plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe all the tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.
Refrain

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 11:1-2; Luke 1:46b-55 (NRSV)

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ES IST EIN’ ROS’
Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY John Behnke
“Fantasia on ‘I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light’”
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 JOY
Experiencing God Sunday School Class

VIDEO
“Advent: Joy”

PRAISE SONG
“He Has Come For Us”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“What Child Is This”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

SCRIPTURES
Isaiah 11:1-2
Luke 1:46b-55

MESSAGE
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SONG OF DEDICATION
“Joy to the World” (Unspeakable Joy)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!