

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, November 28: Polly Hamilton, Fred Archerd, Linda Diamond
Monday, November 29: Will Curvin, Max Gipson
Tuesday, November 30: Kelly Tighe
Wednesday, December 1: Martha Carland, Nancy Suzor
Thursday, December 2: Kay Ferguson
Friday, December 3: Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Kerry McDermott



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 Jackie's Dad, Cliff Reimer

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2021 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Cynthia Lawrence & Jenny Carlstedt
(11:00) Claudia Alwood & Barbara Forsyth



USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Rocky Davis & Sandra Rasmussen

*"Therefore you also must be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming
at an unexpected hour."*

Matthew 24:44

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

Experiencing God Class has started!

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We will be meeting online using Zoom. Email Vicki Krueger at vickilee33@aol.com for the link and for any technical help or questions.

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women unified circle meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in rooms 4-8. We are studying a 9 month bible study entitled *What my Grandmothers Taught Me* by Meryll Blair. Chris Curvin will be teaching each lesson via Livestream, and our circle will have a follow-up discussion of the lesson. The fourth lesson will be Thursday, December 2nd at 11:00am. If you'd like a book, or more information regarding the multiple activities that Presbyterian Women engage in, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, December 3rd at 10:30am. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 of the Christian Education building. The book we are studying is *From Daughters to Disciples* by Lynn Japinga. If you need a book, please contact Marti Huff at marti.huff.np@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule 11/24 - 12/3

WEDNESDAY 11/24
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 11/26
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 11/28
9:00 AM - INDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 12/1
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 12/3
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - GAME NIGHT



Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/160446b902e2/citylightupdate-6526183>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

November 28, 2021



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 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY David N. Johnson
“Variations on *Creator of the Stars of Night*” (1922-1987)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: Awake from your sleep; salvation is near!
People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,
People: but the word of God endures forever.
Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;
People: the promise of God will surely be fulfilled.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Hands, 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.**

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Lighting the Candle

Barbara Jordan & Ellen Stoup
The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

RESPONSE MUELLER
All singing: **A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of HOPE in November’s dark night.
While angels sing blessings from Heaven’s starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
**God of light, once again so many of us approach this season of Advent
unprepared. We are not alert to your promised coming; as a result we
are exhausted by trying to fit life into a box of our own design. Like
your people of old, we make ill-advised and impulsive, me-first deci-
sions and blame you for the discouraging and painful consequences.
By your grace, lead us through this Advent season in a way that will
strengthen our faith, deepen our joy and create a renewed sense of
awe and wonder at the extravagance of your love. In the strong name
of Jesus Christ our Lord we ask this. 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 “He Will Come” arr. Patrick Liebergen
Flute, Janet Dudley

*Prepare for the Lord! Allelu! The child adored! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.*

*The angels sing! Allelu! Good news they bring! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

*The birth is near! Allelu! Loud joy we hear! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.
He will come! Alleluia!*

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 #82 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL
**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears 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 all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

SERMON “Advent Hope—Jesus Will Come Again!”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #88 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
(Stanzas 1, 6, 7)
**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 Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Postlude on *Veni, Emmanuel*” Robert Powell

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Robert Todd, Guest Organist

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

Bill & Louise Mylin

PRAISE SONG

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

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

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Prepare a Place”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44(NRSV)

MESSAGE

“Advent Hope—Jesus Will Come Again!”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!