

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 5: Robert Fehringer, Jackie Rice, Mickey Stewart
Monday, December 6: Harry Seckman, Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox, Shane Alexander
Tuesday, December 7: Laura Turner, David Hamilton Jr.
Wednesday, December 8: Roger Snay, Wanda Fanning, Sue Glaser, Barbara Jordan, Beverly Van Zyl
Friday, December 10: Blake Estavil
Friday, December 11: Eleanor Cicerchi, Murle Whitten, David O'Leary, Emma Tighe



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



The Beattie Family In Memory of Jack & Betty Beattie

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) Louise Mylin & Elaine Cornillaud
(11:00) Murle Whitten & Dan Hyden



USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie & Andy Strelcheck
(11:00) Polly Brown & Patty Martin

*"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
prepare the way for the Lord,
make strait paths for him.
Every valley should be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become strait,
the rough ways smooth.
And all people will see God's salvation.*

Luke 3:4-6

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 Merryl Blair. Chris Curvin will be teaching each lesson via Livestream, and our circle will have a follow-up discussion of the lesson. The fifth lesson will be Thursday, January 6th 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, January 7th 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 12/1/ - 12/12

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

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

SUNDAY 12/5
9:00 AM - INDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP CHAT VIA ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 12/8
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

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

SUNDAY 12/12
9:00 AM - INDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE
4:00 PM - RING SING & MINGLE FOLLOWED
BY YOUTH & FAMILIES CHRISTMAS PARTY



Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/a2bc498b0dd8/citylightupdate-6526695>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 5, 2021



Second Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Christ, God's gift to the world, shall come:

People: For those who feel despair will know hope.

Leader: For those who are oppressed will know freedom.

People: For those who are lonely will know love.

Leader: For those who are suffering will know inner peace.

People: O Christ, Lord of the World, your time is now!

All: Fill our hearts today with peace!

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 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Come Now, Savior of Gentiles” Buxtehude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, see front cover)*

*HYMN #105 “People, Look East” BESANCON
People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able;
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE
Lighting the Candle

Linda Feller & Roger Snay
The reader offers words about the candle of Peace.

RESPONSE MUELLER
All singing: **A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease;
for Jesus is coming to show us the way.
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
**O God, you search us and know us, and all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned. We long for your coming to change
the world, and yet are unwilling to change even our own hearts; when
we do not listen to the prophets and angels; when we reduce our
preparation of your coming to reckless spending and trivialities. For-
give us for all of our failings, in Jesus’ name. 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**

APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together-see back panel Ignite service for Creed)*

ANTHEM “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” arr. Craig Courtney
*Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me.
But in Bethlehem’s home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee!*
*Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming Thy royal degree.
But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth and in great humility.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee!*

*When the heavens shall sing and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying, “Yet there is room, there is room at My side for Thee.”
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, and my heart shall rejoice when Thou comest and callest me.*

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:1-6 (NRSV)

SERMON “The Ring of Truth”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN #129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ES IST EIN’RIOS’
**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.**

**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.**

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP
*(If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this service by
preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL
**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth good will to all, from heaven’s all gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angel sing.**

**And you, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time fortold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “From Heaven High to Earth I Come” Pachelbel

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; Linda Pointer, 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*

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Spencer, Ann, Eric & Gemma Briggs

PRAISE SONG
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO
Advent: Peace

PRAISE SONG
“Peace”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

***APOSTLES’ CREED**
*I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in
Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was cruci-
fied, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection
of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“A Prayer for Every Year”

SCRIPTURE
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HOLY COMMUNION
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SONG OF DEDICATION
“King of Kings”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU