

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, December 19: Stephen Williams, Jim Lumia
Tuesday, December 20: Jacqueline Graziano, Sandy Seckel,
Polly Brown, Jere Gunderman, Karen Gipson
Thursday, December 22: Steve Rickrode, Jonathan Luther
Friday, December 23: Jan Botsford, Greg Brinkman

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



Patty & Bill Martin In Loving Memory of Our Parents



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:

(10:00) Barbara Forsyth & Jeanne Stephen
Cindy Gamble & Kim Blackmore

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

(10:00) Roxie Swartz & Marie Ziegler

*"For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life."*

John 3:16

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 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 12/17 - 12/29

FRIDAY 12/17

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - MOVIE NIGHT &
CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE BONFIGLIOS!

SATURDAY 12/18

3:00 PM - ROSALIE'S WEDDING
ALL INVITED SEE WEEKLY EMAIL

SUNDAY 12/19

10:00 AM - 1 CHURCH SERVICE, CHRISTMAS CANTATA
10:05 AM - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 12/22

10:15 AM - 3:15 PM - METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

FRIDAY 12/24

4:30 PM CONTEMPORARY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
7:30 PM - TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
NO GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 12/26

10:00 AM - 1 CHURCH SERVICE
10:05 AM - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 12/29

9:00 AM - 7:00 AM - LOCK IN - SIGN UP REQUIRED \$10



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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

December 19, 2021



Fourth 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 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM Worship Service/Cantata

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNARY
“Prelude from Heaven High to Earth I Come” Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: The Lord has done great things for us!
People: And we are filled with God’s love!
Leader: Our God has turned our weeping into singing.
People: Our tears into songs of love!
Leader: O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,
People: and remain in us forever.

*HYMN #132 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” IN DULCI JUBILO
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blessed forever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE
Lighting the Candle—Marie Ziegler & Cindy Gamble
The reader offers words about the candle of love.

RESPONSE MUELLER
All singing: A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,
a candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth;
for Jesus is bringing God’s love to our earth.
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CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we
sadly confess having done so little with so much. Forgive us Lord, for
no bending the knee, for not reading your Word, for not searching
our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to your ten-
der mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for
us this year, we may have fresh sense of your presence and a renewed
resolve to live to the praise of Christ’s glory. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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.

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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 debt-
ors. 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

Canticle of Joy
by Joseph M. Martin

Offertory and Song of Invitation

"A Call to Christmas"
Michele White, soprano

Song of Preparation
"Prepare!"

Song of Anticipation
"Could This Be the Day?"
(with, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

Song of Visitation
"Interlude 1"
Dennis Rasmussen, tenor
"Songs of the Promise"
(with, Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus and
Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day)
Rachelle Cox, soprano

Song of Incarnation
"Interlude 2"
Barbara Jordan, alto
"Carols of the Manger"
(with, Gentle Mary Laid Her Child and O Little Town of Bethlehem)

Song of Adoration
"Away In A Manger"
Ellis Cantin

Song of Declaration
"Awake! Sing Gloria!"

Song of Revelation
"Interlude 3"
Kay Ferguson, soprano

"We Are His Gold"

Song of Proclamation
"In Every Land Begin the Song"

Song of Consecration
"Carol of the Faithful"
(“Angels We Have Heard on High” and "O Come All Ye Faithful")

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God head see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king!”

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Linda Pointer, Guest Organist

Choir:		Instruments:
<u>Soprano:</u> Elaine Cornillaud Rachelle Cox Susan Curry Kay Ferguson Debbie Lang Jessie Lusk Vickie Mills Gail Rothrock Betty Spoerl Mickey Stewart Michele White Mary Ellen Zeigler	<u>Tenor:</u> Randy Ball Steve Lang Bill Martin Aidan McDermott Dennis Rasmussen <u>Bass:</u> Steve Anderson Jim Ferguson Peter Gajentan David Hamilton Garry Justice	Violin: Melanie Schulz Flute: Adrienne Clover Oboe: Darlene Davis Clarinet: Tony Fuoco Bassoon: Kevin O’Leary French Horn: Laura O’Leary Trumpets: Steve & Emily Cantin Trombone: Dylan Cantin Percussion/Timpani: Kelsey Bannon Piano/Organ: Linda Pointer
<u>Alto:</u> Melanie Brown Janet Dudley Susan Gajentan Barbara Jordan Jill Manning Aimee McDermott Mary Sue Schell Jeanne Stephen	<u>Narrator:</u> Larry Stephen	