

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 26: Jim Warren, Ritchie Henley
Monday, December 27: Barbara Stone, Sally Uhler,
Shannon O'Leary



Wednesday, December 29: Joyce Worley, Sarah Worley, Georgia Gordon
Thursday, December 30: Doug Winder, Kaleb Adkisson
Friday, December 31: Mark Johnston, Nancy Turner
Saturday, January 1: Jacob Mattheus

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



Kay Scheuerman In Loving Memory of My 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:

Cynthia Lawrence & Jenny Carlstedt
Barbara Forsyth & Barbara Bozenski

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

Earle Lusk & Polly Brown

*"In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God."*

John 1:1-2

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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<https://mailchi.mp/dd95b4f616c2/citylightupdate-6527907>



Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

December 26, 2021



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 26, 2021
1st Sunday of Christmas
10:00 AM Worship Service**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNARY “Joy to the World” Schalk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Garage Sale, Stephanie Carson

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Let us proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
People: for the steadfast love of the Lord is great.
 Leader: Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
People: the glory of God's people and a light to all.
 Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
People: in faith let us worship God!

*HYMN #115 (stanzas 1,2)	“Away in a Manger”	MUELLER
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**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

*HYMN #121 (stanza 1)	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	ST. LOUIS
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**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

*HYMN #143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE
(stanzas 1,2)

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of love, as we reflect back on this past year and to live out our faith in the year upcoming, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions, our broken promises, our selfishness and our lack of faith in your goodness and grace. O Dear Lord, for these sins of commission and omission, may you show us mercy, grant us forgiveness and by your grace empower us to live faithful lives that make a difference for Jesus' sake in whose name we pray. 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.**

SOLO “Christmas Is All In the Heart” Steven Curtis Chapman
 Dan Jeffre, Soloist

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.

HYMN #128 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” W ZLOBIE LEZY
(stanza 1)

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!**

HYMN #146 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
(stanza 1)

**Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.**

HYMN #166 “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen” GOD REST YOU MERRY
(red hymnal; stanza 1,2)

**God rest you merry, gentleman, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day;
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL OFFERING	“Welcome to Our World” Stephanie Carson, Soloist	Chris Rice
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WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5; 10-14 NRSV

MESSAGE “The Word Made Flesh”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT
Refrain: **Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.**

**While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain**

**The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain***

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” Uehlein

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Linda Pointer, Guest Organist