

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, November 27: Bree Greff
Monday, November 28: Polly Hamilton, Fred Archerd,
Linda Diamond
Tuesday, November 29: Will Curvin, Max Gipson
Wednesday, November 30: Carol Anderson, Kelly Tighe
Thursday, December 1: Martha Carland
Friday, December 2: Kay Ferguson
Saturday, 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 Loving Memory of Jackie's Dad



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2022 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may 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 & David Lawrence
(11:00) Claudia Alwood & Dan Hayden

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Jill Manning
(11:00) Eleanor Cicerchi & Fred Heider

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz
Our monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be December 13th at 10:00am in rooms 4,6 & 8 of the Christian education building. We are using a 9 month study titled "Celebrating Sabbath". If you need a book, they are available for purchase in the church office.

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, December 2nd at 10:30am. We will meet in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building. The book we are studying is *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com. For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at marti.huff.np@gmail.com.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood & Garry Justice
The adult Sunday School/Bible Study class meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 5 & 7. We are studying the two letters of Peter. Please bring Bible and Wright commentary book. New members are welcome!

Citylight Schedule 11/18 - 12/4

Friday 11/18

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night Grades 6 & Up

Sunday 11/20

9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - 11:45 am - Youth Sunday School,
11:00 am - Traditional Service
1:00 pm - Youth & Families Thanksgiving Potluck

Monday 11/21

10:00 AM - 3:30 pm - Thanksgiving Drive at Metropolitan Ministries

Friday 11/25

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night Grades 6 & Up
Bring your Thanksgiving Leftovers!

Sunday 11/27

9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - 11:45 am - Youth Sunday School,
11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday 11/30

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight - Grades 6 & Up

Friday 12/2

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night Grades 6 & Up
Bring your Thanksgiving Leftovers!

Sunday 12/4

9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - 11:45 am - Youth Sunday School,
11:00 am - Traditional Service

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/67d47421c931/citylightupdate322022-13512020>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

November 27, 2022



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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*“Keep awake therefore,
for you do not know
on what day your Lord is coming.”*

Matthew 24:42

Order for the Public Worship of God
November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Come Now, Savior of the Nations” J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stephanie Carson

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 be fulfilled.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*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.

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle

Claudia Mitcham & Barbara Jordan

The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

RESPONSE THE FIRST NOWELL

All singing: **The candle of hope we light in this hour**

Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.

We wait for a future, now hidden from view,

When Christ in His glory will make all things new.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

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CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One

whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed see-

ing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence,

and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. For

give us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. 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 “Every Valley” John Ness Beck

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;

And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

And all flesh shall see it together;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Amen.

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 #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, 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.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

SERMON “Are You Ready for Christmas?”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are:

traveler, what a wondrous sight, see that glory beaming star!

Watchman, doth its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?

Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends:

traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth, its course portends.

Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?

Traveler, ages are its own, see it bursts o’er all the earth!

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn:

traveler, darkness takes its flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.

Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.

Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Hark! The Glad Sound” arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, 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

Marilyn Farnworth & Babs Bailey

PRAISE SONG

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Stephanie Carson

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Here I Am to Worship”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy king-

dom 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

OFFERTORY

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Are You Ready for Christmas?”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“King of Kings”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU