

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 4: Mary McCauley
Monday, December 5: Carol Sprung, Robert Fehringer,
Jackie Rice, Mickey Stewart
Tuesday, December 6: Harry Seckman, Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox,
Shane Alexander
Wednesday, December 7: Laura Turner, David Hamilton Jr.
Thursday, December 8: Roger Snay, Wanda Fanning, Susan Glaser,
Barbara Jordan, Beverly Van Zyl
Saturday, December 10: Blake Estavil

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



**Mr. & Mrs. Peter Kreuziger
Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Linville**
**In Loving Memory of our Father
Robert L. Miller**

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) Jill Manning & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Claudia Alwood & Barbara Forsyth

USHERS:

(9:00) Cynthia Lawrence & Cindy Gamble
(11:00) Dee Rivers & Polly Brown



*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of
the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'"*

Isaiah 52:7

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 with a Christmas brunch to follow 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 will NOT be meeting December 18th or 25th. We are studying the two letters of Peter. Please bring Bible and Wright commentary book. New members are welcome!

Citylight Schedule 12/2 - 12/11

Friday 12/2

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

Sunday 12/4

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

Wednesday 12/7

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

Friday 12/9

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

Sunday 12/11

9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - 11:45 am - Youth Sunday School,
11:00 am - Traditional Service
4:00 pm - Ring Sing & Mingle
7:00 pm - Youth & Families Christmas Party

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/523949f21f19/citylightupdate322022-13513148>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 4, 2022



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: We gather in this house of prayer watching and waiting for Christ's coming, remembering the faithful promises of God.

People: **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.**

Leader: God of promise, God of peace, into our darkness come.

People: **Surely, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

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 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Diane Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*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.

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE
Lighting the Candle

Kay & Jim Ferguson
The reader offers words about the candle of Peace.

RESPONSE THE FIRST NOWELL
All singing: **The candle of peace shines bright with God’s plan;
the wolf shall lie down and will dwell with the lamb,
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
will give way to gardens that heal and restore.
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 God of Love, you are ever with us, upholding and guiding us. Yet we
are so inclined to wander far from you. The more we wander, the more
desperate we become for the joy and peace of Your presence. We pray
that you would seek us in our loneliness, and meet us in our deepest
point of need. Then, in your mercy, grant us Your forgiveness. Gather
us back into Your fold and set our feet upon Your paths. This day, may
we prepare our hearts and make room for the advent of our Lord, even
Jesus Christ Your Son. 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 “Pacem” arr. Patrick M. Liebergen
(based on DONA NOBIS PACEM)

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

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 52:7; Luke 2:8-15 (NRSV)

SERMON “When Jesus Is Our Peace”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN #105 “People, Look East” BESANCON
(stanzas 1,4,5)
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.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People look east and sing today: Love, the Star, 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.

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
*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons
are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relation
ship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE
(stanzas 1,2,4)
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!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”
arr. Charles Callahan

*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 PEACE
Jill Manning & Roxie Swartz

PRAISE SONG
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG
“Christmas Day”

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
“Bethlehem Skies”

SCRIPTURES
Isaiah 52:7; Luke 2:8-15 (NRSV)

SERMON
“When Jesus Is Our Peace”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION
(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.)

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU