BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 18: Carol Hersh, Jack Alwood, Nicole Makal,

Kelsey Propst

Monday, December 19: 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

Kay Scheuerman In Loving Memory of Helen Burke



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2023 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) Pam Means & Claudia Alwood



USHERS:

(10:00) Georgia Rounding & Marie Ziegler Dee Rivers & Polly Brown

"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

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 January 10th 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 meets the first Friday of the month at 10:30am. We meet in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building. Our next meeting will be January 6th. The book we are studying is *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com. For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at marti.huff.np@gmail.com.

<u>Biblical TakeAways</u>, 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 12/15 - 12/25

Friday 12/15

No Game Night - Dinner, then Prism Concert at East Lake High School, if you would like to go, contact Rosalie.

Sunday 12/18

10:00 am - Christmas Cantata No Sunday School

Wednesday 12/22

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

Thursday 12/23

10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Drive

Friday 12/23

 $7{:}00~\rm{pm}$ - $10{:}00~\rm{pm}$ - Game Night Grades 6 & Up - Bring a Gift to Exchange

Sunday 12/25

10:00 am - One Service No Sunday School

Follow the link to view our weekly email: https://mailchi.mp/ec734a4155c5/citylightupdate322022-13514216

Welcome To

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A Stephen Ministry Church

December 18, 2022



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 18, 2022 4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 AM Worship Service/Cantata

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNARY

"Greensleeves"

arr. Stanley Roper

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Lift every valley, lift every voice.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center isle.)

*HYMN #133

N#133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

(stanzas 1,2,3)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! Refrain

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE;

Lighting the Candle—Terry & Elizabeth Curkan *The reader offers words about the candle of love.*

RESPONSE

MUELLER

All singing: The candle of love tells us of our worth:

God loves us so much, that He came to the earth!

An angel brought news of a child who would be
The one who would save us and set us all free.]

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

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*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 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 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Festival of Christmas

by Mary McDonald

Overture

Christmas, Sing Noel

O Come, Emmanuel

(tune: VENNI EMMANUEL) Claudia Mitcham, alto; Kay Ferguson, soprano

This Joyful Christmas Day

The Midnight Clear

(tune: MORNING SONG)

The Snow Lay on the Ground

(tune: VENITE ADOREMUS)

O Holy Night

(tune: CANTIQUE DE NOEL)
Michele White, Soprano

Noel

Rachelle Cox, soprano; Dennis Rasmussen, tenor

Go Tell the News
Barbara Jordan, alto; Randy Ball, tenor

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 David Furr, Organist

Choir: Instruments:

Tenor:

Randy Ball

Soprano: Elaine Cornillaud Rachelle Cox Susan Curry Kay Ferguson Sandee Garee Nadia Henneman Marion Homer Debbie Lang Jessie Lusk Mary McCauley Vickie Mills Gail Rothrock Betty Spoerl Mickey Stewart Michele White Ellen Williamson

Steve Lang
Bill Martin
Aidan McDermott
Dennis Rasmussen

Bass:
Jack Alwood
Steve Anderson
Jim Ferguson
Peter Gajentan

Violin: Melanie Schulz
Cello: Matthew Virgil
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
Piano/Organ: David Furr

Narrators:
Dee & Chris Bryant

David Hamilton

Nick Hodson

Alto:
Melanie Brown
Janet Dudley
Susan Gajentan
Barbara Jordan
Lea Kirdatt
Jill Loomis
Aimee McDermott
Claudia Mitchum
Mary Sue Schell
Bailey Shields
Karlee Wright

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