

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

MEET & GREET

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

"The First Noel"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

"Advent Candle Song"
Solo: Sarah Flaherty
Lighting the Candle
Greg, Dianna, Drew & AJ Hatch

WORSHIP CONTINUES

"Waiting Here for You"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

1st-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"All Is Well"
Janet and Roger Winder

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

"It's a Wonderful Life"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Today the children are invited to remain in worship for the cantata or go to Room 3 for Sunday School worship class after the offering time.

Teacher: Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Melissa Michalk Long & Amy Kemerer, Grace Michalk

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.

Teachers: Steve Cantin & Jeremy Stephen

3rd-5th Grades Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds - 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Today your child may attend the service with the cantata, or move to Room 3 at the offering time.

Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

Children Welcome to the Lord's Table

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Join us as we study different Biblical figures each week! Coffee and cookies are provided!

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: Does God have a nation? We'll use the tenets of our reformed faith and scripture as Garry Justice and Barbara Englehart lead our discussion of God and Country. Please join the conversation while enjoying coffee and cookies.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD - Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Led by Vicki Krueger.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

December 21, 2014

Love



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E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 21, 2014
4th Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the service begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

“Darkness into Light”
by Mary McDonald

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

INVOCATION

FIRST READING

John 1:1-5

PROLOGUE

“Come to the Light”
Barbara Jordan, Alto

Mary McDonald

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

SECOND READING

John 1:14; 6-13

CAROL

“Come, All Ye Faithful”

Mary McDonald

(all stand and sing as directed)

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!

O come let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels. Sing in exultation.

O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav’n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

*(Choir) As Christmas nears we light his way, but not to a stable door,
Lord Jesus come and live within our hearts forevermore!
We light the Advent candle to shine on us today,
To give us love, to make us warm
While we await the coming of Christmas Day.*

(8:15) The Birch Family: Russ, Tracey, James, Katie and Sarah

(11:00) Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler



We light the Ad-vent can - dle to shine on us to - day, to give us love, to



make us warm while we a- wait the com - ing of Christ - mas Day.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Celtic Advent Carol” Michael Barrett
Gemma Briggs, Carissa Johnston, Robert Wood, Jeremy Stephen
Kylie Torres, Flute

*(At this time children may choose to remain in the service or to go to Room 3 for
Sunday School worship class)*

*Be not afraid, I bring you good news. The Savior is coming in glory to you.
He shall be called “God’s Holy One.” Will you be ready for Him when He comes?*

*Light the candle, Jesus is coming. Open your hearts, prepare ye the way.
Sleepers awake, for soon is the dawning. He will turn night into glorious day.*

*Be of good cheer and put away fear, the light now is coming to dry ev’ry tear.
Love now with us, God’s perfect Son. Will you be ready for Him when he comes?*

*Veni, Emmanuel. Captivum solve Israel. Veni, Emmanuel. Jesus is coming
Jesus is coming. Could He be coming today?*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

THIRD READING

Luke 1:26-33

“Hear the Angels Sing”

Duet: Dennis Rasmussen, Roy Jackson

FOURTH READING

Luke 2:8-15

“Sing We All Noel”

Michele White, Soprano

FIFTH READING

“Candlelight Christmas Canon”

Jana Winder Davis, Alto

SIXTH READING

Matthew 2:1-11

“Rise Up, Children Arise”

Bill Martin, Tenor

SEVENTH READING

“Darkness into Light”

Cindy Huffman, Alto

EIGHTH READING

“Come to the Light” *(reprise)*

“Hallelujah! Lord of Light!”

(all stand and sing as directed)

Joyful, joyful, we adore You. God of glory, Lord of Light!

Lord of giving and forgiving, bless us on this holy night.

Christ, our Savior, bless’d Redeemer,

Joy from heav’n to earth come down.

Praises sing to God, our Father, for this One who wears a crown.

**Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Giver of eternal Light!
Glory to the Son of Mary, born to us this holy night.
Sing to God our songs of praises. Hallelujah! Let us sing!
Raise to God our joyful chorus “Glory to the Newborn King!”**

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “O Come, All Ye Faithful” David Cherwien

*(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer
look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)*

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

“Darkness into Light”

by Mary McDonald

Stephanie Carson: Director of Music

Tom Huffman: Organist/Associate Director of Music

Readers: Babs Bailey, Curtis Krueger

Violin: Melanie Schulz
Flute: Adrienne Clover
Oboe: Kaila Delaney
Clarinet: Cody Carson
Alto Saxophone: Wagner Schulz
Percussion: Diane Suris
Jack Rasmussen

Soprano

Pat Callan
Rachelle Cox
Susan Curry
Irene DeWitt
Gale Dufresne
Connie Evans
Jessie Lusk
Vickie Mills
Gail Rothrock
Liana Stephen
Michele White
Dawn Winder
Carol Zaffiri
Mary Ellen Zeigler

Alto

Tracey Birch
Melanie Brown
Susan Gajentan
Cindy Huffman
Barbara Jordan
Bailey Shields
Georgiana Winder
Jana Winder Davis

Bass

Art Callan
Dick Casper
Peter Gajentan
Rees Heycock
Lou Hortobagyi
Roy Jackson
Garry Justice
John Schenk
Joe Zeigler

THANK YOU! Many thanks to the Chancel Choir with extra singers who are joining together to sing this wonderful brand new cantata by Mary McDonald. The addition of the instruments adds even more glory and majesty. Babs Bailey and Curtis Krueger breathe life into the readings and Mark Johnston added another dimension with the images enhancing the text. Tom Huffman is a true musical partner in every sense with not only his organ/piano talents but collaboration in every endeavor throughout the year. A true gift to me. We pray the manger scene forms in your mind and your soul and that you take Christ with you throughout this Holy season. —Stephanie Carson