

MUSIC NOTES:

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” (104)

This hymn text was written by the German Paul Gerhardt and first published in 1653. He pastored several churches in Germany including the famous St. Nicholas Church, Berlin from which he was removed from the pulpit by the Elector Friedrich Wilhelm, a strict Calvinist. Gerhardt’s wife and four of their five children preceded him in death. He wrote over 100 hymns, three of which appear in *Glory to God* (104, 703, 815).

The tune VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN was composed for the text of that name by Melchior Teschner. It was composed after a five-month period in 1613 when bubonic plague had killed over 2000 people in his community. The tune is also associated with the Palm Sunday hymn, “All Glory, Laud and Honor.”

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Jackie & Jerry Koski
In Memory of Jackie’s dad, Cliff Reimer



Jody Beattie
In Honor of Betty Beattie’s Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2015 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week in Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....



- Sunday, November 29th:** Will Curvin, Max Gipson
- Monday, November 30th:** Carol Anderson, Hiten Patel, Kelly Makal
- Tuesday, December 1st:** Roland Watkins, Martha Carland
- Thursday, December 3rd:** Betty Beattie, Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Stacy Atkinson, Kerry McDermott
- Friday, December 4th:** Jonathan Irion
- Saturday, December 5th:** Jackie Rice

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE:

- (8:15) Kathryn Birch
- (11:00) James Birch

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Youth
- (11:00) Youth



USHERS:

- (8:15) Youth
- (9:30) Youth
- (11:00) Youth



VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message. Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), Room 3. Tim & Jessica Jones

1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Melissa Patel & Justine Ruisz

3rd – 4th Grades, Room 8

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

5th Grade students are welcome to worship at the beginning of the service with their families or go to room 8 with the 3rd & 4th graders. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, 5th grade may join the Sunday school class in room 8 or remain in service. Todd & Tanya Adkisson

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message. Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM Serendipity Class

Join us in rooms 13&15 to continue our study of Revelation led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)

The TCI Class will discuss some of the issues surrounding the terrorists attacks and the questions being asked about Christians supporting the turning away of Syrian refugees. How does our faith help us to resolve a number of difficult problems at a time when we are faced with threats of more terrorist attacks. Coffee and cookies will be available.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

November 29, 2015



FIRST SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

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
November 29, 2015
1st Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Two Settings: ‘O Lord, How Shall I Meet You’” Paul Manz
(based on the tune of the closing hymn #104) (1919-2009)

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”** TRURO

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle
(8:15) Bailey Shields and Leslie McHale
(11:00) Steve & Dawn Winder
Ethan & Kylie Crossley

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(all singing, seated)* LYONS

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.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, once again so many of us approach this season of Advent unprepared. We are not alert to your coming: as a result we are exhausted by trying to fit life into a box of our own design. Like your people of old, we make poor and selfish decisions and blame you for the discouraging and painful consequences. By your grace, lead us through this Advent season in a way that will strengthen our faith, deepen our joy and create a renewed sense of awe and wonder at the extravagance of your love. In the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord we ask this. 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 “Will We Know Him?” Don Besig

*Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem to be born in a lowly stall?
Are we ready to greet the tiny little King who will come to save us all?
Are we ready for the star of Bethlehem to appear in the winter sky?
Are we ready to follow anywhere it leads, and let its light fill all our lives?*

*Refrain: Prepare ye the way for the King of Glory,
Once again proclaim the wondrous story. God will send His own true Son,
But will we know Him when He comes?*

*Are we ready for the song of Bethlehem to declare our Savior’s birth?
Are we ready to join the angels as they sing,
And spread the news to all on earth? Refrain*

*Are we ready for the Babe of Bethlehem, God’s true and promised Son?
Are we ready to greet the tiny little King and will we know Him when he comes?*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of
Children’s Ministries

(Children age 3 (by 9/15) through fifth grade are welcome to go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “People, Look East” arr. Dale Wood
(based on the Advent Carol at Hymn #105) (1934-2003)

***DOXOLOGY** VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #71 “Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”** FIRST SONG

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 3:1-15 (page 44)
Matthew 1:18-25 (page 783)

SERMON “When God Breaks In... There Is Hope”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #104 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”**
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***BENEDICTION**

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM
(8:15, congregation seated) “Deo Gracias” Natalie Sleeth
NPC Seraph (K-2nd) & Angel (3rd-5th) Choirs

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Improvisation on VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN” Alexandre Guilmant
(based on the tune of the closing hymn #104) (1837-1911)

(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.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

ignite

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

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“Deo Gracias” Natalie Sleeth
NPC Seraph (K-2nd) & Angel (3rd-5th) Choirs

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“A New Hallelujah”
“Greater”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Bill & Louise Mylin

VIDEO: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

MESSAGE

“When God Breaks In... There Is Hope”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Our God/O Come All Ye Faithful”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU