

### TONIGHT'S OFFERING—DEACON'S HELPING HANDS FUND

All of the offerings received at our Christmas Eve 2013 services will be used to replenish Northwood's much-used Helping Hands Fund. Someone is taken to a nearby grocery store – we help them purchase milk, bread, and eggs. Someone else is provided a one night stay in a modest motel. Someone else has a small amount sent to Florida Power to keep their electricity on, etc., etc., etc. . . . Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.

### THE MEANING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

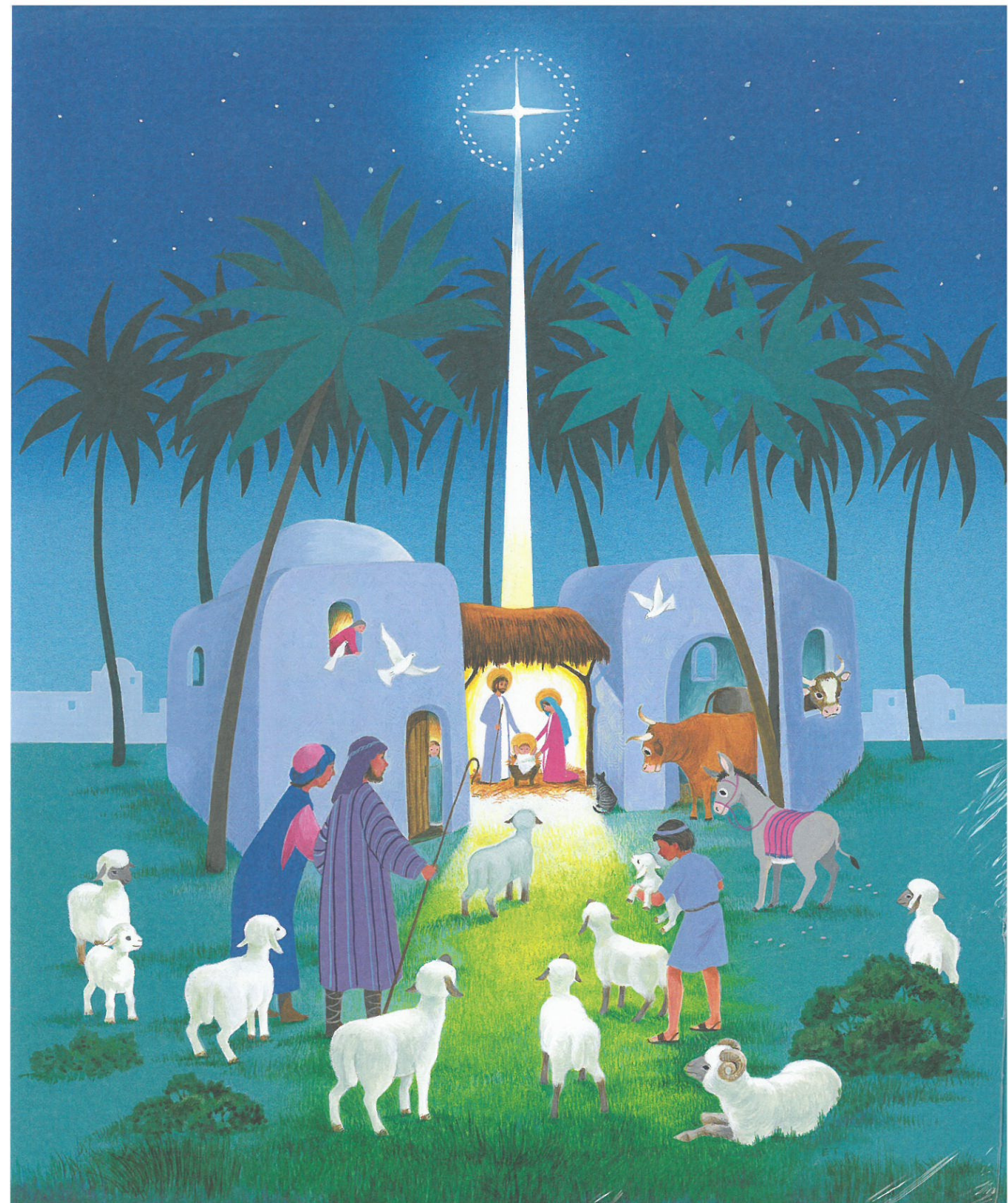
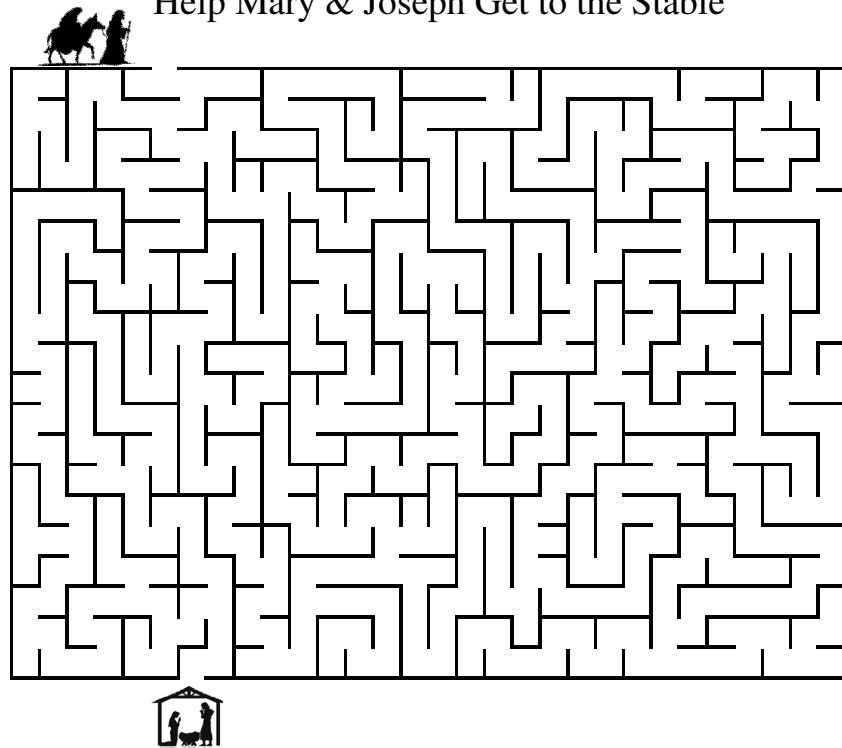
*For the past four Sundays we have considered many of those present at the birth of Jesus – Joseph and Mary, the angels, the shepherds, the wise men. Tonight, as we see the light of the center candle, we are reminded that this is the Christ Candle, for without Christ, there would be no Christmas. The Christ Candle can remind us of the expectation of Mary, the songs of the angels, the enthusiasm of the shepherds and the homage paid to the Christ child by the Magi. For we, too, live in joyous expectation of seeing Jesus face to face; we, too, sing alleluia to our King; we, too, run with excitement to tell others of this Shepherd King; and we, too, pay homage to the one who came to save us. On this Christmas Eve, may we all believe, so that we might become children of God.*

### USHERS & GREETERS

Todd Adkisson, Ken Tobiasen, Jeff & Grace Fulford, Ushers; Dallas Wood, Greeter

### Just for Kids

Help Mary & Joseph Get to the Stable



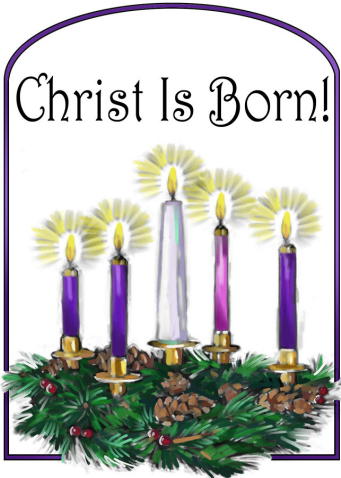


Northwood Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to Our  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2013  
4:30 PM



Christmas Eve

The Reverend Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Senior Pastor  
The Reverend Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor  
Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults  
Justine Ruisz, Director of Children’s Ministries  
Stephanie Carson, Director of Music  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director  
Katie Pacana, Director of Communications & Membership Coordinator

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(Infant Care is available in our nursery tonight for our 4:30 service)

Tuesday, December 24, 2013 4:30 PM

4:15 Pre-service Music Eric Kemerer  
Garland Pelham, Piano "Away in a Manger"  
Eli Jeffre, Cornet, & Isaac Jeffre, Piano, duet "Good King Wenceslas"  
Aly Tobiassen, Piano "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
Drew Strelcheck, Piano "Joy to the World"  
Dylan Cantin, Piano "The Star Carol" & "Good King Wenceslas"  
Brianna Mattheus, Clarinet  
Jordan Mattheus, Marimba  
Heather Wood, Clarinet "Carol Medley"  
Robert Wood, Oboe "Greensleeves"

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE—Eric, Marcy, Amy & Kurt Kemerer

\*CAROL #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES  
(During the singing of these carols, we invite all children who would like to sing  
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" to come forward.)

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!

\*CAROL #115 "Away in A Manger" MUELLER  
Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT  
(All Children)  
Solo: Pearce Turner

**CAROL #113**                    **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**                    GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**CAROL # 132**                    **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"**                    IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

**CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING (Deacon's Fund)**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**                    **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**                    arr. Al Roberts  
Heather Wood, Clarinet; Robert Wood, Oboe

**\*CAROL #147**                    **"The First Nowell"**                    THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

**\*CAROL #121**                    **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**                    ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

**"Born in a Stable"**  
*Musical Christmas Pageant by our Angel Choir (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) & H.I.M. Ministry Puppets  
Written by Babs Bailey; Directed and Choreographed by Stephanie Carson*

**"Comfort and Joy"**  
*Soloists: Drew Strelcheck, Isaac Jeffre, Eli Jeffre*

**Scene 1: The Prophets, or Jesus' Birth is Foretold**

**"How Great Our Joy!"**  
*Soloists: Bryce Fulford, Dylan Cantin*

**Scene 2: An Angel Visits Mary and Joseph**

**"Angels From the Realms of Glory"**  
*Soloist: Emily Pursley*

**Scene 3: Census and Birth of Christ**

**"Infant Holy"**  
*Hands in Motion Puppets*

**Scene 4: Shepherds and Angels**

**"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**  
*Soloists: Matthew Nigels, Jacob Pope, Kaleb Adkisson, Sonya Weidner*

**Scene 5: Wise Men Seek Him**

**Scene 6: Conclusion**

**"Toward the Light"**  
*Written by NPC member, Jeanne Stephen  
Soloists: Kurt Kemerer, Brandon Strelcheck, Aly Tobiassen*

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES #122 "Silent Night"**                    STILLE NACHT  
*(Please see screen. Thank you for holding lighted candles completely upright and  
leaning unlighted candles toward the lighted ones.)*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #134**                    **"Joy to the World"**                    ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

## Cast & Credits:

Scene 1 Narrators .....	Brandon Strelcheck & Sonya Weidner
Scene 2 Narrators.....	Kaleb Adkisson, Aly Tobiassen & Eli Jeffre
Scene 3 Narrators.....	Matthew Nigels & Emily Pursley
Scene 4 Narrators.....	Kurt Kemerer & Bryce Fulford
Scene 5 Narrators.....	Dylan Cantin, Atticus Ulrich & Drew Strelcheck
Isaiah.....	Bryce Fulford
Micah.....	Isaac Jeffre
Jeremiah.....	Dylan Cantin
Scene 2 Angel.....	Emily Pursley
Scene 4 Angel.....	Aly Tobiassen
Mary.....	Sonya Weidner
Joseph.....	Brandon Strelcheck
Inn Keeper 1.....	Drew Strelcheck
Inn Keeper 2.....	Kaleb Adkisson
Inn Keeper 3.....	Eli Jeffre
Shepherds.....	Dylan Cantin, Atticus Ulrich, Isaac Jeffre, Eli Jeffre, Jacob Pope, ..... Kaleb Adkisson, Matthew Nigels, Drew Strelcheck
King Herod.....	Kurt Kemerer
Wise Man 1.....	Jacob Pope
Wise Man 2 & 3.....	Kaleb Adkisson & Matthew Nigels

### **Thank you to:**

- ✿ *Peter and Susan Gajentan and the H.I.M. Ministry (Hands In Motion) for adding so much to this pageant. Setting up the puppet stage and giving personality to angels and sheep, with loving hands, is no small feat! Northwood is very blessed by this ministry.*
- ✿ *Tracey Birch for her invaluable help each week in music and during the many pageant rehearsals.*
- ✿ *Babs Bailey for writing the inventive script for this pageant, staying true to scripture with a few modern twists.*
- ✿ *Jeanne Stephen for writing the final song "Toward the Light" and for agreeing to write new lyrics to make it a 'Christmas Song'. The original lyrics are amazing, too!*
- ✿ *Linda & Gary Granata for making our donkey, well and star.*
- ✿ *Tom Huffman for playing our final song in the pageant, playing the organ for the service, and for being a dream to work with.*
- ✿ *Mark Johnston for his expertise on our sound system.*
- ✿ *Claire Hamilton for running the lights and Anna Hamilton for running the slides for the songs—again!*
- ✿ *The parents of all the children for getting them to our many rehearsals, helping them to memorize their lines, encouraging their children to be the best they can be for God, and creating little people who will have Jesus in their hearts for their entire lives because of the foundation they are building.*

### **Worship with us Sunday, December 29th**

Join us for worship Sunday, December 29th at one of our three services:

- 8:15 am Traditional Service
- 9:30 am Ignite Contemporary Service
- 11:00 am Traditional Service

### **Discovering Northwood**

The New Year is a significant time for friends to join our Church family. “Discovering Northwood” classes for newcomers will be held Sunday, January 19th. This class, meeting at 10:45 am in room 4 of the Christian Education building, provides a foundation for your faith in Christ to grow while better understanding the Presbyterian Church, Northwood and all the possibilities for you to get involved. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Pacana, the Membership Coordinator at [Katie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@northwoodpc.org), or the senior pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at [chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org](mailto:chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org). Both Katie and Chris can be reached at the church office at 796-8090.

### **Children & Youth Programs**

Children & Youth will start a new season of activities in just a few weeks. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for programs with activities and choirs for all ages. For more information on youth activities, contact the church office or check out our website.

### **Church Office Holiday Closings**

- The office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th at noon and will remain closed Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th for Christmas.
- The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31st at noon, and will remain closed Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day. We will re-open Thursday, January 2nd at 9 am.

### **2014 Giving/Pledge Envelopes**

Additional offering envelopes for 2014 have been ordered and will be available in the hall by the kitchen in January. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. When making “Cash” contributions, please include your name on the envelope to ensure it is accurately recorded. If you wish to set up online giving, go to [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click the “Giving” link to our secure online portal. Thank you for your faithful support.

### **News from the Stewardship & Finance Team**

**2013 Contributions:** Giving intended for 2013 must be received in the church office **by noon on December 31st** or postmarked **no later than December 31, 2013**. Contributions which are processed electronically through your bank's online bill pay or via our website must be initiated much earlier (probably no later than December 26) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2013.