

### 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

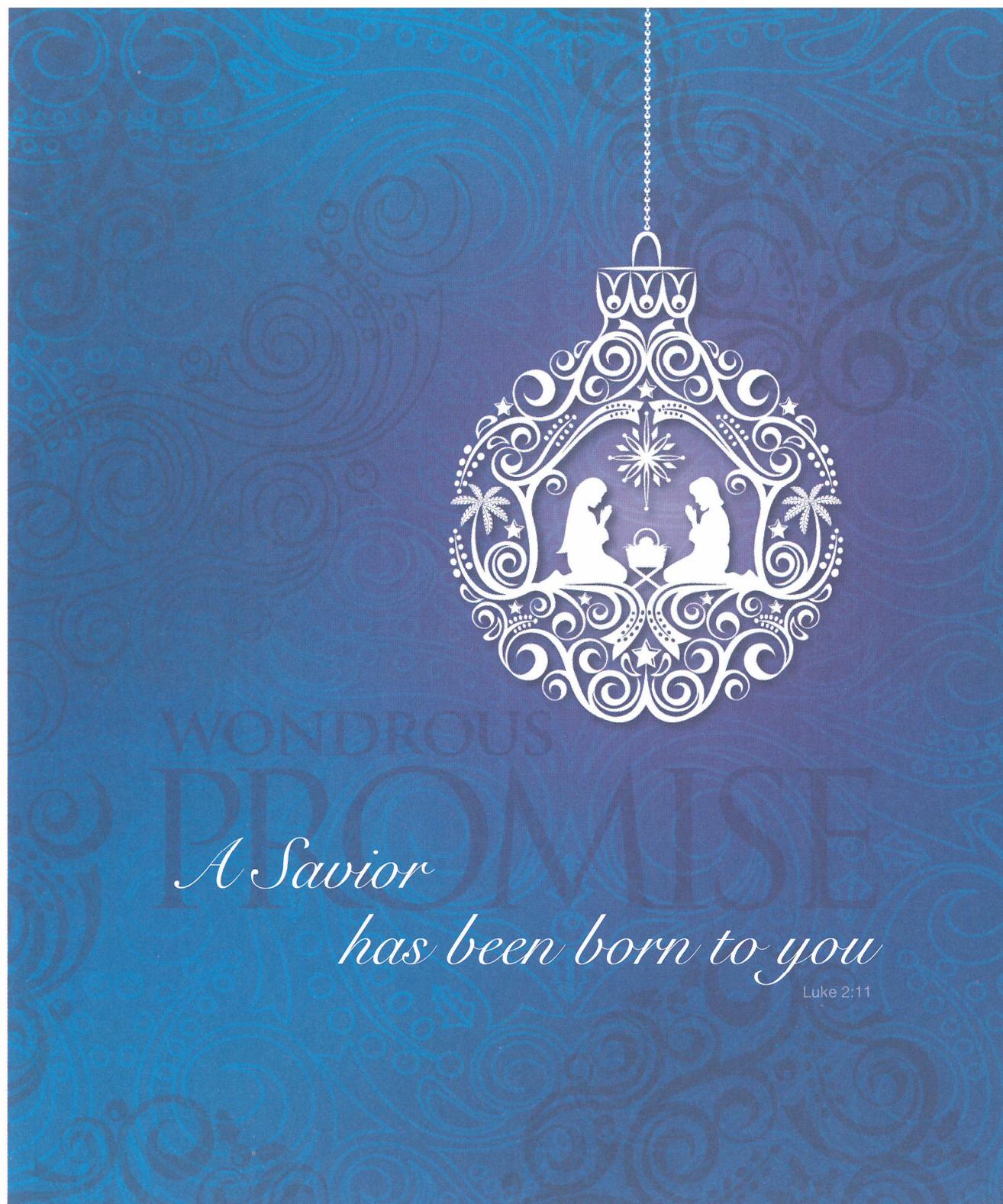
- The office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th at noon and will remain closed Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th for Christmas.
- The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31st at noon, and will remain closed Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day. We will re-open Thursday,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



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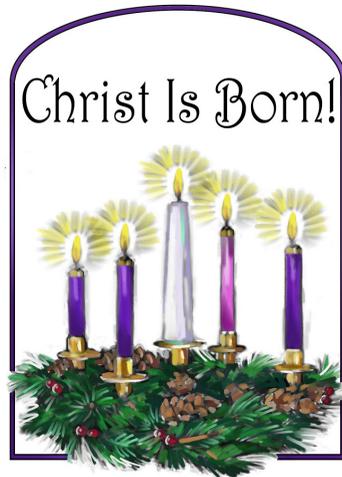
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## Welcome to Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

7:30 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 7:30 service)*

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

"A Little Shepherd Music"

Harald Rohlig

Kylie Torres, Flute

## WORDS OF WELCOME & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET" and place it in the offering plate later in the service.)*

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please remain standing for the opening hymn.)*

## \*HYMN #133

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELIS

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!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest. *(refrain)*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *(refrain)*

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE—Psalm 24:7-10

The O'Leary Family

## \*SUNG RESPONSE *(from Hymn #113, please stand)*

Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo! Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!

## \*APOSTLES' CREED *(unison)*

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 crucified, 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.

## THE PROMISE OF THE LIGHT

### THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 1:26-33

#### ANTHEM

“The Jesus Gift”  
Westminster Youth Choir  
Ally Wolf, Soloist

Gilbert M. Martin

*Shall I gather em'ralds, shall I bring him gold?  
Shall I shower diamonds, white-hard, bright-cold?  
Shall I spangle jewels like stars above?  
Give him laughter, bring peace-filled laughter,  
Offer him warm laughter, and love.*

*Simplest of gifts, gentlest of hearts; kindness he'll use as he leads.  
So, give him these gifts, hand him your hearts,  
Honor his birth and you'll need no....*

*....em'ralds nor rubies, silver nor gold;  
neither bright diamonds, white-hard, bright-cold.  
Spangle not rich jewels like stars above;  
you'll have laughter, sweet peace-filled laughter,  
Simple warm laughter and love.*

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### THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 2:8-20

#### ANTHEM

“Shepherds, Come Rejoicing”  
(incorporating tune “MASTERS IN THIS HALL”)  
Chancel Choir  
Liana Stephen, Soprano

Joseph M. Martin

*Shepherds, come rejoicing, hear the news the angels bring.  
Shepherds, come rejoicing, let the hills and valleys ring.*

**Refrain:** *Glory in the highest. Praise to God above.*

*Let creation join the dance, lifting high the song of love.*

*Shepherds, come rejoicing, leave behind your doubt and fear.  
Shepherds, come rejoicing, spread the music far and near. Refrain*

*People, go rejoicing, share the good news that the Lord has come.  
People, lift your voices, share with the world what the Lord has done. Refrain*

## WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS-The Deacon's Fund

*Tonight's Christmas Eve Offering is for the Deacons' Helping Hands Fund. Gifts given this evening are used to help those in our community with significant needs who come to our church office during the year. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.*

## THE COMING OF THE LIGHT

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

“What Child Shall Come?”  
Gemma Briggs & Ally Wolf  
Kylie Torres, Flute

arr. Patrick Liebergen

### THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 3:16-22

#### \*CAROL #119

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”  
(organ introduction by Michael Burkhardt)

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 Godhead 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.

## THE TRIUMPH OF THE LIGHT

#### SCRIPTURE READING (Page 870)

John 8:12 (NRSV)

#### THE CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

“Who Will Guide Your Sleigh Tonight?”

#### DUET

“No Eye Had Seen” Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant  
Liana Stephen, Soprano & Stephanie Carson, Alto arr. Lloyd Larson

## THE RECEIVING OF THE LIGHT

### THE LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 5:8-10, 14

#### LITANY OF DEDICATION *(responsive)*

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

ALL: **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

LEADER: Jesus said, "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in me will not remain in darkness."

ALL: **In His name I will light my candle and the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.**

#### PASSING OF THE LIGHT

*As the house lights are dimmed, the light from the Christ Candle will be passed to the ushers who will move to light the candle of the first worshipper in each pew. Pass the light by tipping the unlighted candle to the upright lighted one.*

#### CAROL

##### "Silent Night"

STILLE NACHT

*(please remain seated)*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure Light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

#### \*REDEDICATION OF OUR LIVES TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER *(all singing)*

"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 for ever. Amen."

#### EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

#### \*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.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Organ Flourish on 'Joy to the World'"

Michael G. Dell

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

#### USHERS:

Carl & Mary Corrello, Roger & Janet Winder

#### GREETERS:

Pam Means, Joyce Curvin



*The Pastors, Church Officers & Staff  
of Northwood Presbyterian Church  
wish you a very joyous Christmas and New Year.*