

HYMN NOTES:
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (88)

In monasteries as early as the ninth century during Advent vespers the eight days before Christmas, seven “O”s were sung before and after the Magnificat (see two paraphrases of the “Song of Mary” in the hymnal at #99 and #100). The seven began: “O Sapientia” (Wisdom); “O Adonai” (Lord); “O Radix Jesse” (Root of Jesse); “O Clavis David” (Key of David); “O Oriens” (Dayspring); “O Rex” (King); “O Emmanuel” (God with us). It was customary for each of the principal officers of a monastery to ‘keep his O’ in turn, by singing his ‘Great O’ and then provide a pittance or feast for the monks. Then in the 12th or 13th century, an unknown poet took five of the antiphons, reordered them and added the refrain to make the hymn.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, December 1:** Martha Carland, Nancy Suzor
Tuesday, December 3: Betty Beattie, Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Kerry McDermott
Thursday, December 5: Robert Fehringer, Jackie Rice, Mickey Stewart
Friday, December 6: Harry Seckman, Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox, Shane Alexander
Saturday, December 7: Laura Turner, David Hamilton Jr.



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

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Beattie Family



In Honor of Betty Beattie’s Birthday

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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

- GREETERS:**
(8:15) Jesse Loy & Ellen Stoup
(11:00) Nancy Marshall & Dee Rivers

- USHERS:**
(8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister
David & Suzanne Hamilton
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
(11:00) Jon Mills & Roger Snay
Larry & Sandy Ingram

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)
Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds–1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Cas-sandra Fredriksen.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be studying our series, Amplify.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI is an adult class to explore how our faith informs our daily life. Individuals age 19 to 90 are welcome to come and study with us. This week, Jack Alwood will share a book review of *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving. Next week, December 8th, Nancy Marshall will discuss why she left the Methodist Church and joined the Unitarian Uni-versalists.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God’s word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our un-derstanding of the Bible, as Jesus’ own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of oth-ers in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sun-day mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and recon-ciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies— Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah* by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

10:45A.M. “Defenders”
The “Defenders” meets in rooms 5 & 7 at 10:45am. This class is taught by Michael Ja-hosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. Today’s class is the fourth session of a 6-week study *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright. It is important that you have the book, *Surprised by Hope*, which can be purchased through Amazon. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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December 1, 2019



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
December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)* Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!
People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,
People: but the word of God endures forever.
Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;
People: the promise of God will be fulfilled.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Chorale Prelude on WACHET AUF” Aaron David Miller
(see the Advent hymn at #349)
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Special Christmas Music Services,
Stephanie Carson

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

*HYMN #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
(stanzas 1,2,3,4)

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Lighting the Candle
(8:15) Sarah Flaherty, David Hamilton & Heather Wood
(11:00) Bunny & Bill Bitner
The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

All Singing: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. James A. Vander Slik (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
Almighty God, You are a God of Hope. Truly, You have given us every reason to believe that we can count on you. In Jesus Christ you have blessed us with a living hope with which to live our lives. And yet it seems that we are forever transferring our sure and certain hope in you to the shifting sands of the dreams and desires that swell within the human heart. Why are we surprised by the undercurrent of uncertainty and fears that encompass our lives? Forgive us, dear Lord! In your mercy may we say with the Psalmist, “Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him”. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CAROL
Come home with shouts of joyous praise; let now your weeping cease. Good news will come to broken hearts, good news love and peace. Proclaim God’s favor every day, and comfort those who mourn. Oppressed will hear of liberty, and hope will be reborn.

ANTHEM “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” Craig Courtney
Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy Kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me. But in Bethlehem’s home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee!

Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming Thy royal degree. But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth and in great humility. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee!
When the heav’ns shall ring and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory, Let Thy voice call me home, saying, “Yet there is room, at My side for Thee.” And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when Thou comest and callest me.
-E.S. Elliot (1864)

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Joseph M. Martin
Westminster Youth Choir

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 1:5-20 NRSV *(page 830)*

SERMON “Hope Rediscovered”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN #360 “Christ Is Coming” UNSER HERRSCHER

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
(together, hymnal page 35)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP
(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING THE SERVING
“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” J. S. Bach
(Savior of the Nations, Come)
(see the text of this Advent hymn at #102)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “Blessing” Lee Dengler
(please be seated) Sarah Flaherty, Heather Wood, David Hamilton

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Postlude on VENI EMMANUEL” Aaron David Miller

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

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

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

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

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Kerry, Aimee, Kayla, Aidan & Aaron McDermott

PRAISE SONG

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Special Christmas Music Services, Stephanie Carson

WORSHIP SONG

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”
Westminster Youth Choir

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“King of Kings”

VIDEO

“Thrill of Hope”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5–20

MESSAGE

“Hope Rediscovered”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**COMMUNION
COMMUNION MUSIC**

“Canticle of the Turning”
arr. Mark Hayes

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Our God” (with ‘O Come All Ye Faithful)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU