

# Northwood Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, Florida 33761  
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## Welcome to Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24, 2019  
4:30 PM



The Reverend Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
The Reverend Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor  
Rosalie Bradford, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Justine Davis, Director of Schools & Director of Children's Ministries  
Stephanie Carson, Director of Music  
Thomas D. Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director  
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications  
Chris Hurst, Business Administrator  
Linda O'Leary, Bookkeeper

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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### PRE-SERVICE PIANO MUSIC

Ellis Cantin: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"  
Gabby Zimmer: "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"  
Aaron McDermott: "Silent Night"  
Max Gipson: "The Star Carol"  
Hannah Gipson: "The Little Drummer Boy"  
Brianna Adkisson: "Mary Did You Know"  
Aidan McDermott: "Silent Night"

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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

\*CAROL #127 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN  
**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.**

\*CAROL #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES  
**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.**

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.  
Refrain: 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. (Refrain)**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Charles, Alice, Henry & Carter Ellis  
*The reader offers words about the Christ Candle*

All Singing: **Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

“The First Noel”  
Celestial Orff Ensemble

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Justine Davis & Rosalie Bradford

CHILDREN'S SONG

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”  
Northwood Children  
Lukas Ruisz, Max Gipson & Skylar Weidner, Soloists

\*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.**

CALL TO OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*The offering this evening 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 Duke Energy to keep their electricity on, etc. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Away in a Manger” arr. Vernon M. Whaley  
Dylan Cantin, Bassoon

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CHILDREN'S SONG

“Unto Us a Child Is Born” Laura Farnell  
Angel Choir

NORTHWOOD PUPPET MINISTRY “The Colors of Christmas”

adapted from Luke Gambill's *A Red-Letter Christmas*

“The Colors of Christmas” Craig Adams

Narration 1: Kelly Tighe

“Oh Little Town of Bethlehem” The Gaither Vocal Band

Narration 2: Nora Gunderman

“Good Christian Men Rejoice” arr. Luke Gambill

Narration 3: Kelly Tighe

“Away In A Manger” Pentatonix

Narration 4: Nora Gunderman

“A Red-Letter Christmas” Luke Gambill & Wes King

Narration 5: Kelly Tighe

“Ding Dong! Merrily on high” words by Luke Gambill

*Director: Kelly Tighe*

*Assistant Director: Abby Isler,*

*Northwood's Poppin' Puppeteers: Kelsey Cauchi, Nora Gunderman, Abby Isler, Carissa Johnston, Jarrett Mattson, Darby Sparks, Nancy Stevens, & Kelly Tighe*

LIGHTING OF CANDLES #122 “Silent Night”

STILLE NACHT

*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 wonder, wonders of his love.**

\*BENEDICTION

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

### **THE MEANING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

For the past four Sundays we have been waiting—lighting the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. 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.

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

All of the offerings received at the two Christmas Eve 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 Duke Energy to keep their electricity on, etc. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.

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

**2020 Giving/Pledge Envelopes** are available in the hall by the kitchen. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. Please remember that when making “cash” contributions, include your first and last name on the envelope to be sure it is accurately recorded. In our continuing efforts to reduce the number of envelope sets that are wasted each year as more people choose online giving, we are again using perpetual envelopes. The individual envelopes in the box are marked for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month rather than being dated. 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.

**USHERS:** Todd & Kaleb Adkisson, Todd & Jacob Pope  
**GREETERS:** Barbara Moler & Jane Winne

### **One Worship Service, December 29th**

There will be One Worship Service on Sunday, December 29th at 10:00 A.M. Pastor Paul will provide a sermon entitled “Eyes That See the Salvation of God” based on the passage from Luke 2: 22-40.

**Sunday, January 5th** we will resume with all three services, 8:15A.M. & 11:00 A.M. traditional and 9:30 A.M. contemporary.

### **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.

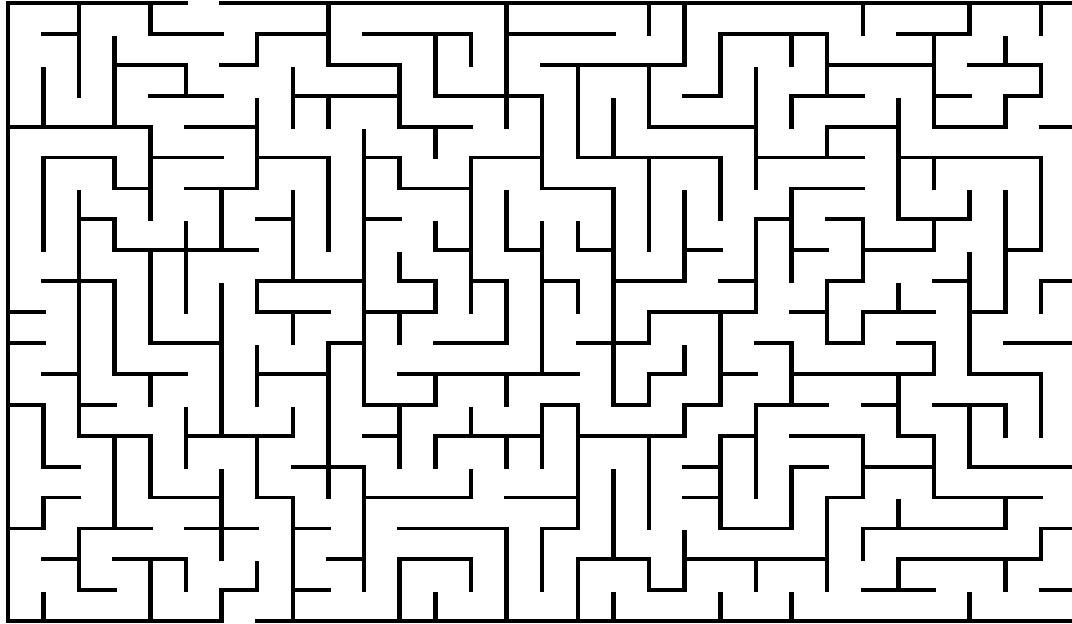
### **Church Office Holiday Closings**

- The office will be closed Wednesday-Friday, December 25th-27th.
- The office will be closed Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day. We will re-open Thursday, January 2 at 8:30a.m.

### **2019 Giving**

**2019 Contributions**—Giving intended for 2019 must be received in the church office **by noon on December 31st** or postmarked **no later than December 31, 2019**. 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 2019.

**Just for Kids**  
Help Mary & Joseph Get to the Stable



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