

# Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**  
*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**December 4, 2022**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

**Leader:** We gather in this house of prayer watching and waiting for Christ's coming, remembering the faithful promises of God.

**People:** **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.**

**Leader:** God of promise, God of peace, into our darkness come.

**People:** **Surely, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**



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**Order for the Public Worship of God  
December 4, 2022  
2nd Sunday of Advent  
11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”  
Diane Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, see front cover*)

**\*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 1,6,7)*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent  
here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to  
flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s  
peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

## THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

### Lighting the Candle

Kay & Jim Ferguson

*The reader offers words about the candle of Peace.*

## RESPONSE

THE FIRST NOWELL

All singing: **The candle of peace shines bright with God's plan;  
the wolf shall lie down and will dwell with the lamb,  
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,  
will give way to gardens that heal and restore.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of  
Israel.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**O God of Love, you are ever with us, upholding and guiding us. Yet we are so inclined to wander far from you. The more we wander, the more desperate we become for the joy and peace of Your presence. We pray that you would seek us in our loneliness, and meet us in our deepest point of need. Then, in your mercy, grant us Your forgiveness. Gather us back into Your fold and set our feet upon Your paths. This day, may we prepare our hearts and make room for the advent of our Lord, even Jesus Christ Your Son. 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**

\*APOSTLES' CREED (*Together-see back panel Ignite service for Creed*)

**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.**

ANTHEM

“Pacem”

arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

(based on *DONA NOBIS PACEM*)

*Joyful singing we are bringing to the child, Emmanuel!*

*See the holy infant lowly who came down on earth to dwell!*

*Lift a song in jubilation, join with us in celebration!*

*Now the star shines high above; He's the King of peace and Love!*

*Dona nobis pacem.*

*Joyful singing we are bringing, now the star shines high above;*

*Born is the holy child, King of Peace and Love.*

CALL TO OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, 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

Isaiah 52:7; Luke 2:8-15 (NRSV)

SERMON

“When Jesus Is Our Peace”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*(stanzas 1,4,5)*

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.  
People look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon to-  
gether.**

**People look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to  
earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is  
coming.**

**People look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

### WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

##### 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.**

##### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE 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.)*

# THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #143      “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”      REGENT SQUARE  
(*stanzas 1,2,4*)

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
you who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn  
King!**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn  
King!**

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn  
King!**

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY    “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”  
arr. Charles Callahan

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist