

Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Sleepers Wake” J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

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***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #140 “Once in Royal David’s City” IRBY**
(stanzas 1,2,4)

**Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and weak and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming
love;**

**for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Lighting the Candle

Kevin, Laura, Shannon & Liam O'Leary

The reader offers words about the candle of joy.

RESPONSE

THE FIRST NOWELL

All singing: **The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
for God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God's kingdom is one of delight and surprise.**

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)*

Gracious God, our doubt and despair lead us to low and longsuffering places. Our eyes downcast, we find nothing for which to give thanks, we find no reason to rejoice. Yet, you call us to resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. You call us to rejoice in a babe about to be born. You call us to lift our eyes in hopeful anticipation of your kingdom to come. Forgive us. Help us. Save us. 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**

ANTHEM “He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child” arr. Lloyd Larson

*He is born, the divine Christ Child,
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child, sing we all of the Savior mild.*

*Through long ages of the past prophets have foretold His coming;
Through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! Refrain*

*O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect Child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift of God sent down. Refrain
Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heavenly peace! Refrain*

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Liam Michael O’Leary, Son of Kevin and Laura O’Leary

*APOSTLES’ CREED

(page 35, Hymnal)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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.

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

*HYMN #129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” ES IST EIN’ ROS’
(*stanzas 1,2*)

**Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse’s lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-56 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Let Me Wish You a ‘MARY’ Christmas!”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #116 “The Snow Lay on the Ground” VENITE ADOREMUS
(*stanzas 1,2,4*)

**The snow lay on the ground; the stars shone bright,
when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.**

Refrain: Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

**“Twas gentle Mary maid, so young and strong,
who welcomed here the Christ-child with a song.
She laid him in a stall at Bethlehem;
the ass and oxen shared the roof with them. *Refrain***

**And thus that manger poor became a throne;
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host
to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” Cherwien

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist