

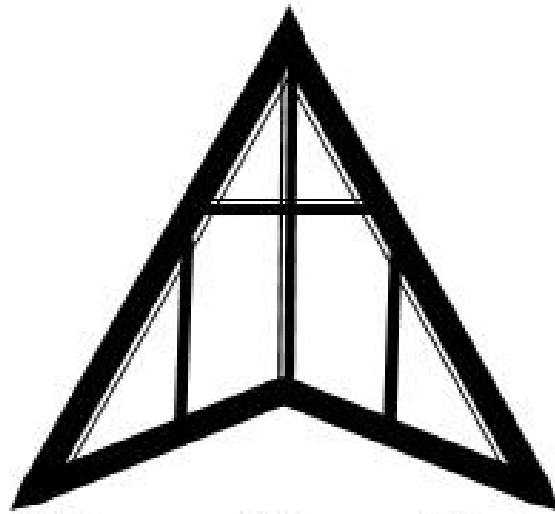
Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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Come, Grow, Go!

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Order for the Public Worship of God
January 1, 2023
1st Sunday of Christmas
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Carillon de Westminster” Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Susan Curry

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!

People: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

Leader: I will proclaim the gracious deeds of God;

People: the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #145 “What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?

**Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch
are keeping?**

**This, this is Christ the Kind, whom shepherds guard and angels
sing;**

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

**Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is
pleading;**

**Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me,
for you.**

Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold and mirrh; come, one and all, to own him.

The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Eternal God: you make all things new. We confess we have spent time without loving and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let the roads we have followed in the past cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future by another road, free from sin, free to love and ready to work and glorify your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. 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)*

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.

SOLO

**“Who Is This Child?” Ben Harlan/arr. Tom Fettke
Michele White, solo**

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 #159

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

KINGSFORD

(stanzas 1,2)

**O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.
Of Jesus’ birth and peace on earth the angels sing always.**

**O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers’ breath, and for the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSV)

SERMON

“When the Celebration of Christmas Fades
in the Face of Life’s Challenges”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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 #110

“Love Has Come”

BRING A TORCH

**Love has come; a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy
arises:
Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**God from the house of David a child of grace has given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the Herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinners eyes.
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”
Johann Pachelbel

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist