

Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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4:30pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:30 PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Jingle Bells” arr. Lloyd Larson
Westminster Ringers

(Please sing these lyrics as the song is rung; Do not sing during the slow section)

“Jesus Jingle Bells” from DLTK-Kids

**To shepherds in the field, an angel came to say,
That Jesus Christ is born, in Bethlehem today!
The shepherd ran to town, they hurried down the street,
And when they found the Son of God they worshipped at his feet.**

Refrain: **Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun to sing and praise our Savior born today-ay!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, listen while we say,
Jesus came into my heart and washed my sins away!**

**There came the wise men three, ‘a-following a star,
On camelback they rode, a’-travelling afar,
The baby King was found, just like the Bible told,
And bowing down they gave Him myrrh and frankincense and
gold! *Refrain***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor
*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,”
and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

*CAROL #133 “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES
(stanzas 1,2)

**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.**

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come let us adore him; O come let us adore him;
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Todd, Kathleen, Jacob & Delaney Pope

The reader offers words about the Christ Candle

RESPONSE

All singing: **The Christ Candle's light that shines for us here
tells out the good news that our God has come near!
God came, a poor baby, in one time and place,
to show all creation the wealth of God's grace.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 1:26-38

MUSICAL OFFERING “O Come, Let Us Adore Him” arr. Lloyd Larson
Westminster Youth Ringers

*REGENT SQUARE (Angels from the Realms of Glory) and
ADESTES FIDELES (O Come, All Ye Faithful)*

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 2:8-20

VIDEO “He Came to Get Messy” Skit Guys

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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.**

CHRISTMAS OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The offering this evening will be used to replenish Northwood's much-used Helping Hands Fund. Some-one is taken to a nearby grocery store – we help them purchase milk, bread, and eggs. Someone else is pro-vided 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.

“Just a Little Christmas” Sharon Kay Chatwell

SCENE 1 The Birth of Jesus Foretold

CAROL #123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious
King”:
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold.
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

SCENE 2 The Birth of Jesus

CAROL #115 “Away In a Manger” MUELLER

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down
his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus
no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and
love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

SCENE 3

The Shepherds and the Angels

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!**

**Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song**
Refrain

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**
Refrain

SCENE 4

The Visit of the Wise Men

***CAROL #119**

“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 host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 1:1-5

MUSICAL OFFERING

**“Toward the Light”
Jeanne & Larry Stephen**

Jeanne Stephen

Refrain: We are His children, we are His light.

**We are examples of His love, we are projections of His sight.
And we will live on earth together, until the time is right;
to take our place as He has promised, and go with Him
toward the light.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES #122 “Silent Night” STILLE NACHT
*(Thank you for holding lighted candles completely upright and leaning
unlighted candles toward the lighted ones)*

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
‘Round yon Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant so tender and
mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born.”**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure Light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming
grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

***BENEDICTION**

***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.**

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