

Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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7:00pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Let There be Peace on Earth”
arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the darkness of evening to celebrate the new
born Light.

**People: With family and friends we worship and adore the Christ
child.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving, for a child, the Child, is
born!

**People: We gather to worship Him for He is the Light of the
World!**

Leader: Come, in this busy season our wait is finished! Let us
worship God!

*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!**

**Shepherd’s, 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*)

WELCOME & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Chris Curvin, Pastor

*CAROL MEDLEY

#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.

#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!”

#123 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” CAROL
It came upon a 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 all, from heaven’s all gracious
King”:
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

#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.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Claudia & Jack Alwood

The reader offers words about the Christ Candle

RESPONSE

THE FIRST NOWELL

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 PROMISE OF THE LIGHT

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 1:26-38

Paul Means

ANTHEM

“O Holy Night” arr. Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir: Michele White, solo

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 2:1-7

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Welcome to Our World”
Barbara Jordan, solo

Chris Rice

CALL TO OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Tonight's Christmas Eve Offering is for the Helping Hands Fund. Gifts given this evening are used to help those in our community with significant needs who come to our church office during the year. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.

*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.**

THE COMING OF THE LIGHT

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 2:8-20

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Stephanie Carson

CAROL #128

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!**

**Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 3:9-12 (NRSV)

Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

“Emmanuel”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

As the house lights are dimmed, the light from the Christ Candle will be passed to the ushers who will move to light the candle of the first worshipper in each pew. Pass the light by tipping the unlighted candle to the upright lighted one.

CAROL #122

“Silent Night”

STILLE

NACHT

**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.**

***REDEDICATION OF OUR LIVES TO OUR
LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*all singing*) Albert Hay Malotte

**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 for ever.
Amen.**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING CAROL #134** **"Joy to the World"** ANTIOCH
(*stanzas 1,4*)

**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 wonders, wonders of his love.**

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