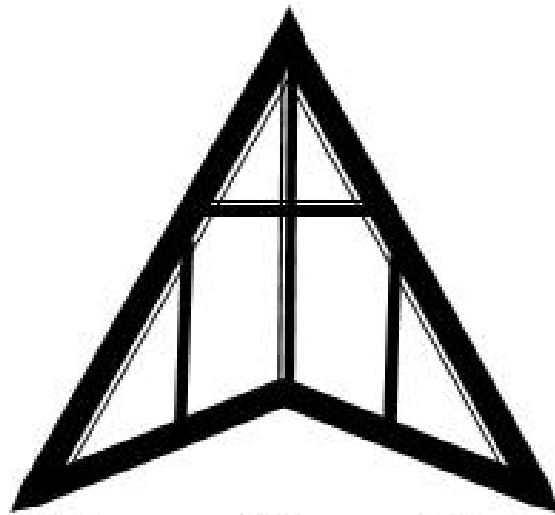


# Large Print Bulletin

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**January 8, 2023**  
**11:00am**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

***Ministers: All Members of the Church***

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**January 8, 2023**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”  
arr. David Cherwien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

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

Leader: Come, let us close the doors to our past to enter fully into  
God’s new day.

**People: We pause in this New Year to ponder the questions we  
have about life and faith.**

Leader: God has made everything beautiful; wonderful, beyond all  
our understanding.

**People: How majestic is God’s name in all the earth! Let us  
worship God.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #150** “As With Gladness Men of Old” DIX  
*(stanzas 1,3,4)*

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

**Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Paul Means, Associate Pastor**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(together)*

**God of Enlightenment: you make all things new and forgive old wrongs. 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 our bad decisions cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for 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**

**ANTHEM**

**“Go Tell the News/Go, Tell It on the Mountain”  
(from *Christmas Cantata*, “*Festival of Christmas*”)  
arr. Mary McDonald  
Soloists: Barbara Jordan & Randy Ball**

**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 #152      “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”      PUER NOBIS**

**What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the  
noonday light?**

**‘Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to  
bring.**

**‘Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, “From Jacob shall a star  
proceed”;  
and lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord’s  
command.**

**While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord  
conveys  
and urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light.**

**O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek your face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of your light to use.**

### **WE GROW IN THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 60:1-3;6b (NRSV)**

**Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)**

**SERMON**

**“Living with Questions”**

**Chris Curvin, Pastor**

### **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #151      “We Three Kings of Orient Are”      KINGS OF ORIENT**  
***(refrain after stanzas 1,3 & 5 only)***

**We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

***Refrain:* O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.**

**Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God most high. *Refrain***

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breaths a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone cold tomb.**

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY                      “Rondeau”                      Jean-Joseph Mouret**

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

**Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist**