

HYMN NOTES:

The three hymns we sing today are appropriate for Epiphany Day (January 6). "We Three Kings" was written—both words and music—in 1857 by John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891) who after a career as a reporter and tutor, became an Episcopal priest with interests in music. This Epiphany hymn is based on the visit of the Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-11) and is the first modern American Christmas carol. He wrote it with the intention of three male soloists singing the stanzas with the congregation singing the refrain. Hopkins was born in Pittsburgh PA and became the first professor of church music at General Theological Seminary. In addition, he designed stained-glass windows and Episcopal seals and forms.



Friends of Northwood



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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, January 1st:** Jacob Mattheus, Evan McLendon
- Monday, January 2nd:** Cambia Catarelli, Vicki Stedman, Sheena Watkins, Robert Wood
- Tuesday, January 3rd:** Rocky Davis
- Wednesday, January 4th:** Martha Tobiassen, Louise Mylin, Pam Jeffre, Olive Scales, Oskar Scales
- Thursday, January 5th:** Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner
- Friday, January 6th:** Barry Whitaker, Yvonne Cherry, Robert Holleman, Spencer Briggs
- Saturday, January 7th:** Kristen Faulkner



If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Nancy & Wayne Rodewald
- (11:00) Linda & Mike O'Leary



Acolytes

USHERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner
Patty Martin, Ellen Stoup
- (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein

Ushers & Greeters



VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds- 2nd Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kelly Tighe & Nancy Stevens.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. They will remain in service today with Justine Ruisz & Carissa Johnston.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class

TCI class will not meet today. Lively discussions, fueled by coffee and cookies, will resume next Sunday, January 8, 2017.

9:30 Serendipity Class

Sunday, January 8 & 15 Serendipity will be joined with TCI Class. The "New Serendipity Class" for youths and adults will begin a study of Job on January 22.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class

in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 12 & 14

Will resume on Sunday, January 15. Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

January 1, 2017



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
January 1, 2017
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth
and Family Ministries

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 great.
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" Max Reger
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Susan Curry

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are" KINGS OF ORIENT**

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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 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.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED (Together, page 35)**

SOLO

"The Work of Christmas"

Dan Forrest

Liana Stephen, Soprano

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
To release the pris'ner, to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among brothers,
To make music, from the heart.*

--Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.)

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"In dulci jubilo"

J.S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY—#606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #146 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-5; 8-12; 16 (pages 783-784)

SERMON "Truths to Remember in This New Year" Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND 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 #136**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

GO TELL IT

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Variations on ADESTE FIDELIS" Rex Koury

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

Our youth praise band, 'Pierced,' is leading in worship today, directed by Mark Johnston

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

"Never Gonna Stop the Singing"

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Gold"

"We Won't Be Shaken"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Music Ministry Yard Sale— Susan Curry

"Believer"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(3rd- 5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Oceans"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

MESSAGE

"Truths to Remember in This New Year"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Fix My Eyes"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU