

# ignite

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

## COUNTDOWN

### WELCOME

“Advent Joy” (Song of Creation)

Derek K. Hakes

Celestial Ringers (3rd-5th Grade)

### MEET & GREET

### PRAISE SONG

“Thrive”

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINUTE FOR MISSION- RING, SING & MINGLE

### THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Jim, Terri & Emma Youngblood

“Emmanuel”

### SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children's Sunday School, please see Children's Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

“Mary, Where Is Your Baby?”

Dan R. Edwards

Westminster Youth Choir

### VIDEO

“John the Baptist”

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-12

### MESSAGE

“An Uncomfortable Truth”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

### COMMUNION

### COMMUNION MUSIC

“Welcome to Our World”

Solo, Janet Winder

### SONG OF DEDICATION

“Our God (with O Come, All Ye Faithful)”

### GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

### 8:15 & 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> 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- Kindergarten, Room 3

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

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Meagan & Keith Decker.

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. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Kathleen & Todd Pope.

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 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class & Serendipity Class-

This week the combined Serendipity and TCI classes will delve into 'Serendipitous Grace' as we hear the heart-warming story of a wonderfully unusual Thanksgiving dinner. The discussion will be led by Joe Zeigler. You can expect a lively discussion together with cookies and coffee.

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

Join us this evening as we continue studying Paul's life and teachings to see how his call and his decision to accept the call can help us as we grow in Christ. This will be our last class for the year. Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.

### HYMN NOTES

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (129)

This German carol dates at least to the 15<sup>th</sup> century but the earliest known copy of the text made in the 1580's comes from a manuscript prayer book found at St. Alban's monastery in Trier (Germany). That manuscript contains 19 stanzas with the likely intent of praising Mary drawing on the “Rose of Sharon” imagery. But it is unclear whether that first line was “ein Ros” (a rose) or “ein Reis” (a branch), strengthening the associations with the “rod” and “branch” of Jesse in Isaiah 11:1—today's lectionary scripture. That would also be more compatible with Protestant views. The music is the famous setting by Michael Praetorius from 1609.

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by*



Jody Beattie



In Honor of Betty Beattie's Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2016 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

December 4, 2016



SECOND SUNDAY OF

# ADVENT

*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**  
**December 4, 2016**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**WE GATHER**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.  
**People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**  
Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
**People: Prepare the way of the Lord!**  
Leader: Let us worship God.

**(8:15) OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” David M. Cherwien  
from *An Advent Suite*

**(11:00) OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Advent Joy” (Song of Creation) Derek K. Hakes  
Celestial Ringers (3rd-5th Grade)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

**(11:00) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Shirley Bahner, Sandi Fahy, Marti Huff

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

TRURO

**THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE**

Lighting the Candle

(8:15) Linda & Darrough Diamond

(11:00) Bryan, Nicole & Bryce Bullis

*The reader offers words about the candle of peace and reads from today’s text,  
Isaiah 11.*

**HYMN #654 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”** Taize Community, 1986

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

God of prophets: in the wilderness of Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son. We confess that we have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Help us to hear good news, to repent, and be ready to welcome the Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

DIADEMATA

Comfort my people now; speak tender love and grace  
to those who fear God’s ruling might or doubt God’s strong embrace.  
Prepare the way for Christ to make God’s pardon known.  
In desert places, high and low, God’s glory will be shown.

**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Together, page 35)**

**ANTHEM**

“He Will Come!” arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

Linda Feller, Laura O’Leary, Candy Spoenlein, Pam Wood, Handbells

*Prepare for the Lord! Allelu! The child adored! Allelu!  
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.  
The angels sing! Allelu! Good news they bring! Allelu!  
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.  
The birth is near! Allelu! Loud joy we hear! Allelu!  
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.  
He will come! Alleluia!*

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**OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN**

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

“Mary, Where Is Your Baby?” Dan R. Edwards  
Westminster Youth Choir

*Mary, where is your baby? Way down yonder in Bethlehem.*

*Shepherds in the fields watching over their sheep,  
some of them are dozing and the others asleep,  
when suddenly they’re waken’d by a glorious sound:  
a host of heav’nly angels singing praise all around! I say,*

*The shepherds were a tremb’ling and quaking in fear.  
The angel said, “We’ve something that we want you to hear!  
Right over there in Bethlehem is born on this day  
the long awaited Son of God asleep in the hay!” I say,*

*The shepherds headed down and-a what do you know?  
They found the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes.  
They saw his mother Mary and they saw Joseph, too,  
they left the manger singing and-a shouting Good News, I say,*

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**\*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 #129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”**

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**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 3:1-12 *(page 784)*

**SERMON**

“An Uncomfortable Truth”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor offers prayers of thanksgiving to God,  
remembering God’s acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

PICARDY



*The pastor continues the thanksgiving, recalling the institution of the Lord’s Supper.*

**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.)*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

“An Advent Prelude”

Charles Callahan

Heather Wood, Clarinet

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

HYFRYDOL

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** “Lift Up Your Heads” David M. Cherwien  
from *An Advent Suite*

*(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)*

*Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director*

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