

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

THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Jim, Jenny & Andrew Carlstedt

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Aidan McDermott, Soloist

arr. Stephanie Carson

Celestial Orff ensemble

MEET & GREET PRAISE SONG

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTCARD MINUTE FOR MISSION—Allen Hurst

BAPTISM OF LORELEI EDITH ROBICHEAU

Infant Daughter of Jessica Robicheau

(Sponsor, Rachel Granata; Elder, Will Parker)

APOSTLES' CREED

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

“Prepare a Place”

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:5-8

MESSAGE

Series—The Promises of His Coming:

#1 “The Crooked Ways Made Straight”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

COMMUNION COMMUNION MUSIC

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”

arr. Dan Forrest

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Jesus”

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 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 & Kim Blackmore.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Bree & Dan Greff.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Todd & Tanya Adkisson.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

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 Jackie Koski, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School will not meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary for the 9:30 Ignite service.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

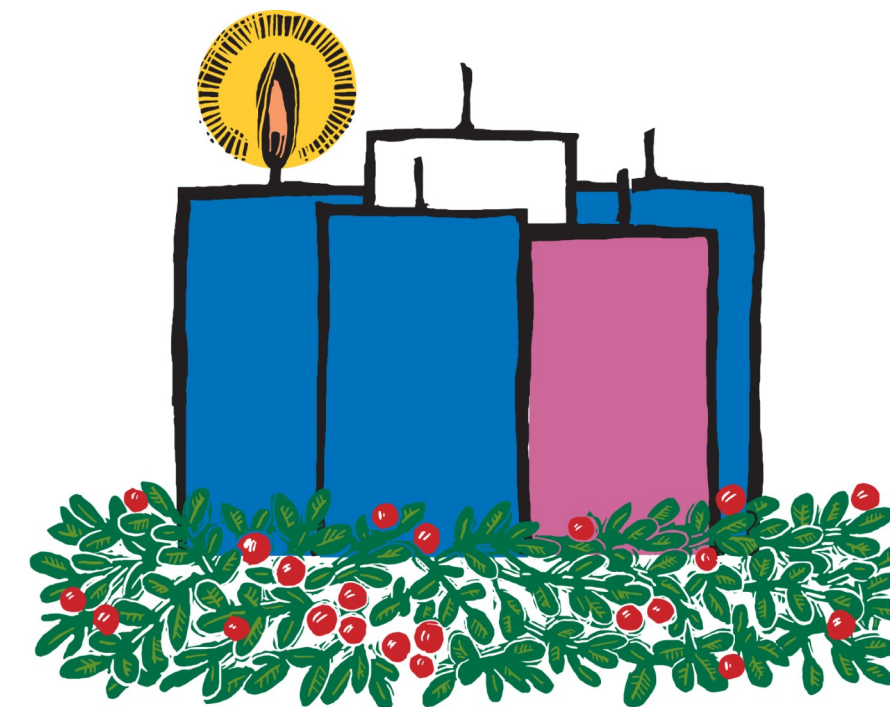
9:30 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class—Fred Heider will lead a discussion on the famous German theologian, Karl Barth, and his steadfast adulterous relationship and our continuing ability to rationalize departures from the Commandments. As always, active dialogue is welcomed. Coffee and cookies are available.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 3, 2017



— FIRST SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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Order for the Public Worship of God

December 3, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

People: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

People: **The night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People” Jonathan Reuss

(based on the hymn at #87)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

(8:15) *Hymn #87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” GENEVAN 42

(11:00) Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL

Stanza 1: Celestial Orff Ensemble with Sarah Birch, Soloist

*Stanza 2: All stand and sing

*Stanza 6: Celestial Orff Ensemble

*Stanza 7: All singing

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle

(8:15) Bill & Patty Martin

(11:00) Art & Jeanette Holloway

The reader offers words about the candle of hope and reads from today’s text, Isaiah 2:2-3.

One: And so, Jehovah, God of Hope and Life, hear our prayer:

All: **Lord Jesus, into our darkness, quickly come.**

All Singing: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Holy God, we confess that far too often we do not walk in the light of your love. We use, manipulate and hurt others to get what we want, and all the while not taking seriously the poor and hungry. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to your transforming Word, so that we may be ready to live a life of faith and welcome you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,

hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.

Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,

evermore and evermore! Amen.

ANTHEM

“Who But the Lord”

Craig Courtney

*O come, Thou bright and morning star And bring us comfort from afar.
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.*

*Who but the Lord can give the shadows light,
Can break into the dark, draw morning from the night?
Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, “Here am I”?*

*Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see,
Brings music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free?
Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace?
Who but the Lord?*

*O shine on us the brightness of Your face,
To earth’s remotest end, every people, every race.
O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace.
O shine on us.*

Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? None but the Lord.

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 5th Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or see back panel for classroom information.)

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Noel Étranger”

Louis-Claude Daquin

*A 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

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:5-8 *(page 582)*

SERMON SERIES **The Promises of His Coming** Chris Curvin, Pastor
#1 **“The Crooked Ways Made Straight”**

ANTHEM

Lloyd Larson

“A Voice Cries Out, Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Janet Winder, Cindy Huffman, Roger Winder, Dick Casper

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.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

J. S. Bach

(based on the Advent hymn #102)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

(8:15) Hymn #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
arr. Stephanie Carson

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(11:00) *Hymn #87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” GENEVAN 42

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING

“E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz

(please be seated) Michele White, Soloist

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,

Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,

Who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;

They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL”

John Behnke

(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.)

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

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 “2017 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTE:

(11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:

(8:15) Jay Basinger

(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns

USHERS:

(8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis, Bill & Bunny Bitner

(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein

(11:00)

VAN DRIVER: Ed Pucshmann