

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 SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Pat, Doug & Georgianna Winder

MEET & GREET PRAISE CAROL

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"
Westminster Youth Choir

ACOUSTIC CHRISTMAS

VIDEO—"Christmas According to Kids" Part 1: Angels

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

VIDEO—"Christmas According to Kids" Part 2: Bethlehem "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

VIDEO—"Christmas According to Kids" Part 3: Shepherds "The First Noel"

VIDEO—"Christmas According to Kids" Part 4: Wise Men/Kings
"We Three Kings"

VIDEO—"Christmas According to Kids" Part 5: Thanks/Praise "What Child is This"

VIDEO—"Messages By a Manger"

"Away in a Manger"

VIDEO—"The Man and the Birds"
"Angels We Have Heard On High"

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

VIDEO—"The Christmas Scale"

"Joy to the World"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

VIP (Voices In Praise)

Vocals: Emily Cantin, Stephanie Carson, Cindy Huffman, Dan Jeffre, Will Parker, Jeanne Stephen, Janet Winder Band: Lex Long, guitar; Larry Stephen, guitar; Gary Granata, bass; Dave Basti, drums; Stephanie Carson, keys/director

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-2nd Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Justine Ruisz & Chrissy Raborn.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 8

No Sunday School today. Children will remain in service with their families.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)

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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– In "The Parable of the Talents", Jesus tells the story of someone who points out the good traits of a servant. Today, in Rooms 9 and 11, the TCI class will begin a two-week discussion of how those traits can be applied to the creation of a new worshipping community. Coffee and cookies are always 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 10, 2017



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 10, 2017 2nd 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: A voice cries out in the wilderness:

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Festive Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL" George Schafer

(1919-2001)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*Hymn #88

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL (stanzas 1,3.4)

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Lighting the Candle

(8:15) Mary Duffy, Kim & Sarah Flaherty (11:00) Bryan, Nicole, Bryce and Logan Bullis

The reader offers words about the candle of hope and reads from today's text, Isaiah 11.

One: And so, Jehovah Shalom, God of Peace, 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)

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 #108 (stanza 5) DIVINUM MYSTERIUM O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing. Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring. Evermore and evermore! Amen.

ANTHEM

"Mary, Did You Know"

arr. Jack Schrader

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand? Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again; The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?

This sleeping child you're holding, is the great, the great "I AM!"

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

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

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35)

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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" Joseph M. Martin Westminster Youth Choir

Watchman tell us of the night. Tell us of the coming Light. Comfort, comfort ye my people. Sing of peace, thus saith our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness, morning 'neath their heavy load.

Comfort, comfort ye my people. Speak unto Jerusalem. Comfort, comfort ye my people. Sing them a song of peace. Tell them their warfare is over.

Veni, veni, veni Emmanuel! Behold the coming of the Lord!

Watchman tell us of the night,
tell us of the coming dawn,
Fill our hearts with hope and light.
Fill our lives with joyful song.

Hark, the voice of one who crieth.
In the desert far and near.
Calling to a world in darkness.
See the kingdom now is here.

*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

*Hymn #103 "Come, Now, O Prince of Peace"

O-SO-SO

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2: 8-14 (page 555, 833)

SERMON SERIES The Promises of His Coming Chris Curvin, Pastor #2 "Peace"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn #82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING "Peace Be with You"

Hal H. Hopson

Sarah Flaherty and David Hamilton, Jr. *(please be seated)*

Peace be with you. Grace and love be multiplied. Amen

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Lift Up Your Heads" arr. David M. Cherwien (based on the Advent hymn #93)

(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

Eric & Marcy Kemerer In Honor of Kurt's 15th 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) Loisanne Bilka, Jay Basinger

(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns

USHERS:

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

(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger

(11:00) Mike & Linda O'Leary, Cindy Whiteside, Ed Puschmann