

HYMN NOTES:

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (82)

This Advent hymn is one of 13 written by the Rev. Charles Wesley (1707-1788) appearing in our hymnal, *Glory to God*. Wesley was the eighteenth child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley. In 1735 he came to colonial Georgia as secretary to General Oglethorpe. He was already an Anglican priest but rededicated his life to Christ and wrote over 6000 hymns. He, along with his brother John Wesley, dedicated his ministry to the Methodist movement but remained in the Church of England his entire life.

The hymn first appeared as #10 in Wesley’s *Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord*, 1744. The collection was reprinted 20 times in Wesley’s lifetime, yet the hymn does not appear in any British Methodist hymnal until 1876. According the eminent African-American music scholar, William Farley Smith, this hymn has particular meaning for many African Americans who affirm the essential mission of Jesus Christ and his Church as setting free the prisoner and the slave.

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



Naomi Cline



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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, December 6th:** Harry Seckman, Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox, Shane Alexander
- Monday, December 7th:** David Hamilton Jr, Holden Patel
- Tuesday, December 8th:** Dave Cody, Roger Snay Sr, Wanda Fanning, Susan Glaser, Barbara Jordan
- Thursday, December 10th:** Tim Leek, Blake Estavil
- Friday, December 11th:** Murle Whitten, Amy Saperstein, David O’Leary, Mark O’Leary



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

ACOLYTE:

- (8:15) Nyden Rodewald
- (11:00) Sarah Birch



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Don Morrison, Lorrie Janusik
- (11:00) Ann & Spencer Briggs

USHERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Margaret Lewis, Fred Heider, Patty Martin
- (9:30) Jim & Terri Youngblood
- (11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns, Ed Puschmann, Jon Mills



VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message. Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3. Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 4

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Kristen Williamson & Justine Ruisz

3rd-4th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service, with their teacher, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to **room 8**. Melissa Patel

5th Grades, Room 12

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 12**. Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck

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. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM Serendipity Class

Join us in rooms 13&15 to continue our study of Revelation led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)

Bill Bitner has arranged for Mike Kantor, manager of the development staff of Metropolitan Ministries, to present the program. “Met Min”, as it is known by those who have given untold hours of volunteer time to this valuable Tampa Bay relief agency, has been going strong for the past four decades. This is one mission call of Northwood and the TCI Class. Mike Kantor promises to update the class on the background and the challenges of this organization. Cookies and coffee are, as always, an added feature to the 9:30 AM meeting in rooms 9 & 11.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

December 6, 2015



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 6, 2015
2nd Sunday of Advent
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.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” Karl Osterland
1. Fanfare *(with clouds descending...)*
2. Trio *(Alleluia)*
(based on the Advent hymn at #348 in Glory to God)

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

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

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Lighting the Candle
(8:15) Gale Dufresne & Barbara Jordan
(11:00) Art & Jeanette Holloway

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(all singing, seated)* LYONS

The candle of peace shines bright with God’s plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.

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WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of the future: you are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom or viewed you as the answer to our lives. We have lived casual lives and ignored your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the sake of your faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we want and eagerly wait for. 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)**

ANTHEM “Every Valley” John Ness Beck
*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low;
And the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of
Children’s Ministries

(Children age 3 (by 9/15) through fifth grade are welcome to go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “People, Look East” Wayne L. Wold
(based on the next hymn, #105 in Glory to God)

***DOXOLOGY** VENI EMMANUEL
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #105 “People, Look East”** BESANÇON

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 126 (page 499)
Luke 3:1-6 (page 834)

SERMON “Footnotes to God’s Promise” 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.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Savior of the Nations, Come” J.S. Bach
(based on the Advent hymn at #102)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #87 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”** GENEVAN 42

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” Paul Manz
(based on the Advent hymn #349) (1919-2009)

(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.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

“Flawless”
“Stand Up”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Jeff, Renee, Amanda & Katherine Voss

VIDEO: “Peace”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

“Offering” *(Christmas version)*

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-6

MESSAGE

“Footnotes to God’s Promise”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

COMMUNION COMMUNION MUSIC

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

Robert W. Thygerson

SONG OF DEDICATION

“He Has Come For Us”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU