

## Annual Garage Sale

Our Music Ministry program needs your help! We can only top last year's record sales if everyone donates & attends, so invite friends! All funds go towards supporting our many music programs. The Garage Sale is scheduled for January 12 and 13, 2018 with donations accepted beginning December 27, 2017. Questions? Call Susan Curry at (727) 709-8237.

## Women's Retreat - January 19-22

Join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and nature walks. Enjoy the peaceful beauty of Cedarkirk while staying in a heated lodge, complete with fireplace and kitchen. Info coming soon!!!

## HYMN NOTES: "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" (103)

Likely a new hymn to nearly all of us, this 1988 hymn was penned by a Korean native, Geon-yong Lee, who was born in 1947 in Pyongannamdo in what is now North Korea. His father was a minister and following the Korean War, the family moved in 1953 to what is now South Korea where Mr. Lee grew up in Seoul. After studying music in Germany he returned to Korea where he has had a career in teaching composition and university administration. He also was choirmaster of the Anglican Cathedral in Seoul. Mr. Lee is among the many Anglicans in his country actively working toward reunification of the Korean peninsula.

This text and tune were written for the opening worship service of an international conference held in Geneva with the World Council of Churches on the peace and reunification of Korea. Although not originally intended for Advent, the opening line (Come now, O Prince of Peace...) uses that messianic title drawn from Isaiah 9:6—today's scripture lesson. Of course, the very word "advent" is from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming." Each stanza is a petition, requesting the "Prince of Peace" to "come" to us and to "reconcile" us to "all people" and "all nations."

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

**Sunday, Dec. 10:** Tim Leek, Blake Estavil  
**Monday, Dec. 11:** Eleanor Cicerchi, Murle Whitten,  
David O'Leary, Mark O'Leary  
**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Paul Means, Kurt Kemerer  
**Friday, Dec. 15:** Christy Rickrode, Stephanie Rickrode  
**Saturday, Dec. 16:** Bailey Shields, Cheryl Roberts

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



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on northwoodpc.org.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS- December 10, 2017

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities here. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please join us on January 21st for our Discovering Northwood Class at 10:45 in room 4. Contact our Senior Pastor, Chris Curvin at (727) 796-8090 or by email at [chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org](mailto:chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org) if questions.

## Live Streaming At Northwood

All sermons at NPC are available on our website at [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) under the "Watch Live" tab. From there you can watch our 11:00 service live on Sundays or click on "Archives" to find previous weeks' services.

## Save the Date for Special Music Events

**Tonight, Dec. 10:** 'Ring, Sing & Mingle' Handbell Concert,  
Carol Sing and Reception 4:00 P.M.  
**December 17:** 8:15 & 11:00 Traditional Services Cantata  
'Carol Suites' by Mark Hayes

## Poinsettia Orders

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$9, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet (through today) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office during regular office hours.

## Church Photo Directory

*Space is filling up! Be sure to sign up soon.  
Next sign-up date is Sunday, December 10!*

### Remaining photography dates are:

*December 27 (12:00- 7:00 P.M.)*	January 25 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
*To accommodate	January 26 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)
visiting students/relatives*	January 27 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
January 24 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)	February 6 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)

*Without you, our new church directory will not be complete!*

## Directory Photos Pick-Up

If you did not order pictures at your directory photo session, you're free 8X10 photo is available for pick up in the church office during the week and at the reception desk on Sunday mornings. This is for those who received phone calls from the church office. If you ordered photo's your free 8X10 will be mailed to you directly.

### [Drop N Shop Thank You!](#)

Thank you volunteers and youth helpers who helped with Drop N Shop. We had a lot of fun playing with Snow and learning about the season of Christmas.

### [Youth Ministry](#)

#### [This Week in the Life of Our Youth:](#)

**Sunday, December 10:** 9:30 A.M. Worship, **NO** Sunday School  
**Sunday, December 10:** 6:00-8:00 P.M. Christmas Party  
**Wed, December 13:** 6:30-7:30 P.M. High School Bible Study  
**Friday, December 15:** 7:00-10:00 P.M. Game Night

#### [Upcoming Events:](#)

- Feeding Tampa Bay: December 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm

Youth Game Night is held on Friday night from 7-10:00pm here at Northwood. **We are in need of adult volunteers** to help out in **January**. If this is something that you may be interested in, please contact Vanessa Celotto at [youthdirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:youthdirector@northwoodpc.org). Thanks!

### [Kids & Youth: Do you play a Musical Instrument?](#)

Kids and youth (ages 1st grade through 12th grade), come play your instrument on Christmas Eve...your gift to the Lord! If you have a sacred song to play during our pre-service concert at 4:00 P.M. please call Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or email her at: [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

### [Nursery Care Available](#)

Infants and toddlers are provided care in our excellent nursery during the entire Worship Service and during the Sunday School hour.

### [Children's Bulletins](#)

Children's Bulletins for ages 3-6 and for ages 7-12 are available in the Narthex.

### [Restrooms](#)

Restrooms are located in the Narthex across from the kitchen. Hand Sanitizers are conveniently located at each exit.

### [Transportation Ministry](#)

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Fridays to reserve a seat.

### [Large Print Hymnals & Bulletins](#)

Large print hymnals and bulletins are located in white binders with in the racks outside of the main sanctuary double doors. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

### [Support Kids' Corner Preschool](#)

Please consider supporting Northwood Presbyterian's Kids' Corner Preschool this year. They have a Target Registry for items they would like to enhance their classes. You can find their wish list online at [www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/kids/corner](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/kids/corner). Items can be dropped off to the church or school office. Any questions? Contact Angie Miele Surowiec or Emily Cantin at (727) 723-7679 or email at: [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org). Thank you for your generosity!

### [Beth-El Adopted Families' Angel Tree](#)



A big THANK YOU to those of you who picked up Angels from the Angel Tree. All of the Angels have been picked up! As a reminder, gifts should be wrapped and should be returned to the Christmas tree area today. For information, contact Pam Means at (727) 386-0747 or Nancy Johnson at (727) 366-7705.

### [Beth-El Angel Tree](#)

Northwood will be supporting the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry in Hillsborough County again this year. The gift requests will be on multi-colored angels on the Christmas tree starting November 26. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 11th. For information contact Evelyn Towns (727) 785-3743.

### [Alternative Gifts for Christmas!](#)

Are you challenged to find a perfect, affordable gift for someone who has everything? Do you want to show your children and grandchildren that you believe the greatest gift is helping others? Consider an Alternative Gift! For as little as \$5.00 you can honor a loved one with a donation to a local, national or international benevolence. The women of Lydia Circle will be in the Narthex during Advent (December 10, 17 and 24) to help you select a PERFECT alternative gift.

Contact: Barbara Englehart (743-4886 or [waspfinella@yahoo.com](mailto:waspfinella@yahoo.com)) or Nancy Johnson (366-7705 or [njohnso1472@gmail.com](mailto:njohnso1472@gmail.com)).

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