

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

VIDEO

"Advent Introduction"

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Steve, Emily, Dylan, Claire & Ellis Cantin

PRAISE SONG

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Special Christmas Music Services, Stephanie Carson

PRAISE SONG

"Waiting Here for You"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

"What a Beautiful Name"

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Luke 21: 25-36

MESSAGE

"Good News-The Time Is Coming"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

COMMUNION COMMUNION MUSIC

"Hope"

Joel Raney

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Our God" (with 'O Come All Ye Faithful)

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 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-1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn & Kim Blackmore

2nd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Sydney Blackmore & Justine Davis

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High School youth (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we are currently studying the Book of Exodus.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

A Faith Journey has many people and events that influence us. Jack Alwood shares his faith journey as Presbyterian pastor and Hospice Bereavement Counselor. As usual, there will be coffee and cookies.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger,

Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

10:45 A.M. "Journey Through" Room 4, led by Vanessa Celotto.

Journey Through is an adult Sunday school class that meet in room 4 from 10:45-11:30 that coincides with the youth Sunday school class. We will continue our study of the book of Exodus.

6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 2, 2018



FIRST 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 2, 2018
1st Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)* Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!
People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.
Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away,
People: but the word of God endures forever.
Leader: The day of the Lord is surely coming;
People: the promise of God will be fulfilled.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” Karl Osterland
1. Fanfare *(with clouds descending...)*
2. Trio *(Alleluia)*
(based on today’s hymn #348)

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Special Christmas Music Services,
Stephanie Carson

***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

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. 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** VENI EMMANUEL
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle
(8:15) Jackie & Jerry Koski
(11:00) Kevin, Laura & Shannon O’Leary
The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

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

ANTHEM “Advent Fanfare” arr. Lloyd Larson
Emily Cantin, Trumpet

*The Lord is coming soon. Prepare the way with joyful alleluias.
He comes the vine to prune. Declare the day with joyful alleluias.
Make straight the crooked way, let every mountain be made low,
The rugged places plain for Christ the Lord is coming, is coming, is coming!*

*Sing allelu, sing alleluia!
Behold the eastern sky! Prepare the way with joyful alleluias.
Redemption draweth night. Declare the day with joyful alleluias.
He comes with truth and grace, His reign shall be forevermore!
Set free your voice of praise for Christ the Lord is coming, is coming, is coming!
Sing allelu, sing alleluia!*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Savior of the Nations, Come”
(based on the Advent hymn at #102)
Michael Burkhardt

***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 READINGS Jeremiah 33: 14-16 NRSV *(page 645)*
Luke 21: 25-36 NRSV *(page 857)*

SERMON “Good News-The Time Is Coming!”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

***HYMN #348** “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” HELMSLEY

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

INVITATION

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 Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*the pastor gives thanks appropriate for Advent,
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:



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

The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity.

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 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 THE SERVING

“Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland” J. S. Bach
(Savior of the Nations, Come)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #347** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent” PICARDY

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING “Take Up His Song” Laura A. Herman
(please be seated) Cindy Huffman & Emily Cantin

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Postlude I” Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain 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.*

HYMN NOTES:

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” (348)

This “second coming” hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). He used the first line but completely recast the rest of a crude hymn by John Cennick (author of the famous “Wesley” table grace, “Be Present at Our Table, Lord”). The ideas and language are borrowed from the book of Revelation and based on Revelation 1:7, “Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him...” The language is apocalyptic and should be interpreted symbolically, not literally.

The tune, named HELMSLEY, is by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) who adapted a melody he heard being whistled on the street. He was born in Wales and received little in the way of formal education. He spend his life’s vocation as a shoemaker, but after hearing a sermon of George Whitefield, he was led to join the Methodist Society and in 1753 became a traveling evangelist until his death. Olivers is buried in Wesley’s tomb at City Road Chapel cemetery.