

# Northwood Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, Florida 33761  
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## Welcome to Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24, 2018  
4:30 PM



The Reverend Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
The Reverend Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor  
Vanessa Celotto, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
Justine Davis, Director of Children's Ministries & Membership Coordinator  
Stephanie Carson, Director of Music  
Thomas D. Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director  
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications  
Chris Hurst, Business Administrator  
Linda O'Leary, Bookkeeper  
Michelle Episcopo, Director of Schools  
Jessica Jones, Director of Nursery

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(Infant Care is available in our nursery for our 4:30 service)*

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### PRE-SERVICE PIANO MUSIC

Ellis Cantin: "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"  
Aaron McDermott: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
Brianna Adkisson: "Carol of the Bells"  
Hannah Gipson: "Do You Hear What I Hear"  
Sarah Birch: "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
Aidan McDermott: "Carol of the Bells"

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- \***CAROL #127** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
- \***CAROL #121** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS  
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- \***CAROL #133** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES  
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!  
O come let us adore him; O come let us adore him;  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Tim, Jessica, Tyler, Benjamin & Mitchell Jones

All Singing: **Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## INTERACTIVE GOSPEL LESSON “A Child’s Christmas Joy” (based on Luke 2:1-20)

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(During the next carol, children come forward to sing.)

## CAROL #115 "Away in a Manger"

MUEL-

LER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

## CHILDREN’S SONG “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Northwood Children  
Riley Nigels & Caitlyn Turner, Soloists

## CAROL #147 “The First Nowell” THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.

## CAROL #128 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” W ZLOBIE LEZY

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall.  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!

## CALL TO OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*The offering this evening will be used to replenish Northwood’s much-used Helping Hands Fund. Someone is taken to a nearby grocery store – we help them purchase milk, bread, and eggs. Someone else is provided a one night stay in a modest motel. Someone else has a small amount sent to Duke Energy to keep their electricity on, etc., etc., etc. . . . Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:31-46.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Dylan Cantin, Bassoon; Heather Wood, Clarinet

## CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## NORTHWOOD PUPPET MINISTRY

1. Luke 2: 8-15
2. “Do You Hear What I Hear” by Tamara Marshall
3. Luke 2:15
4. “Little Drummer Boy” by Righteous Pop Music
5. Luke 2: 16-21
6. “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” by Cedarmont Kids

*Northwood Puppeteers:*

*Youth: Amy Kemerer, Sydney Blackmore, Kathryn Birch, Sarah Birch*

*Assistant Directors: Nora Gunderman and Abby Isler*

*Director: Kelly Tighe*

## CAROL #113 “Angels We Have Heard on High” GLORIA

Angels, we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

## VIDEO “The Live Nativity” Skit Guys

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES #122 “Silent Night” STILLE NACHT

*Thank you for holding lighted candles completely upright and leaning unlighted candles toward the lighted ones.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN #134**

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonder, wonders of his love.

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

**Worship with us Sunday, December 30th**

We will resume our three services of 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Pastor Paul will provide a sermon entitled “An Urgent Search” based on the passage from Luke 2: 41-52.

**Children & Youth Programs**

Children & Youth will start a new season of activities in just a few weeks. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for programs with activities and choirs for all ages. For more information on youth activities, contact the church office or check out our website.

**Church Office Holiday Closings**

- The office will be closed Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th.
- The office will be closed Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st for New Year’s Day. We will re-open Wednesday, January 2 at 8:30a.m.

**2018 Giving**

**2018 Contributions**—Giving intended for 2018 must be received in the church office **by noon on December 28th** or postmarked **no later than December 31, 2018**. Contributions which are processed electronically through your bank’s online bill pay or via our website must be initiated much earlier (probably no later than December 26) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2018.

**News from the Stewardship & Finance Team**

**2019 Giving/Pledge Envelopes** will be available Sunday, December 30 in the hall by the kitchen. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. Please remember that when making “cash” contributions, include your first and last name on the envelope to be sure it is accurately recorded. In our continuing efforts to reduce the number of envelope sets that are wasted each year as more people choose online giving, we are again using perpetual envelopes. The individual envelopes in the box are marked for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month rather than being dated. If you wish to set up online giving, go to [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click the “Giving” link to our secure online portal. Thank you for your faithful support.

**THE MEANING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

For the past four Sundays we have been waiting—lighting the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Tonight, as we see the light of the center candle, we are reminded that this is the Christ Candle, for without Christ, there would be no Christmas. The Christ Candle can remind us of the expectation of Mary, the songs of the angels, the enthusiasm of the shepherds and the homage paid to the Christ child by the Magi. For we, too, live in joyous expectation of seeing Jesus face to face; we, too, sing alleluia to our King; we, too, run with excitement to tell others of this Shepherd King; and we, too, pay homage to the one who came to save us. On this Christmas Eve, may we all believe, so that we might become children of God.

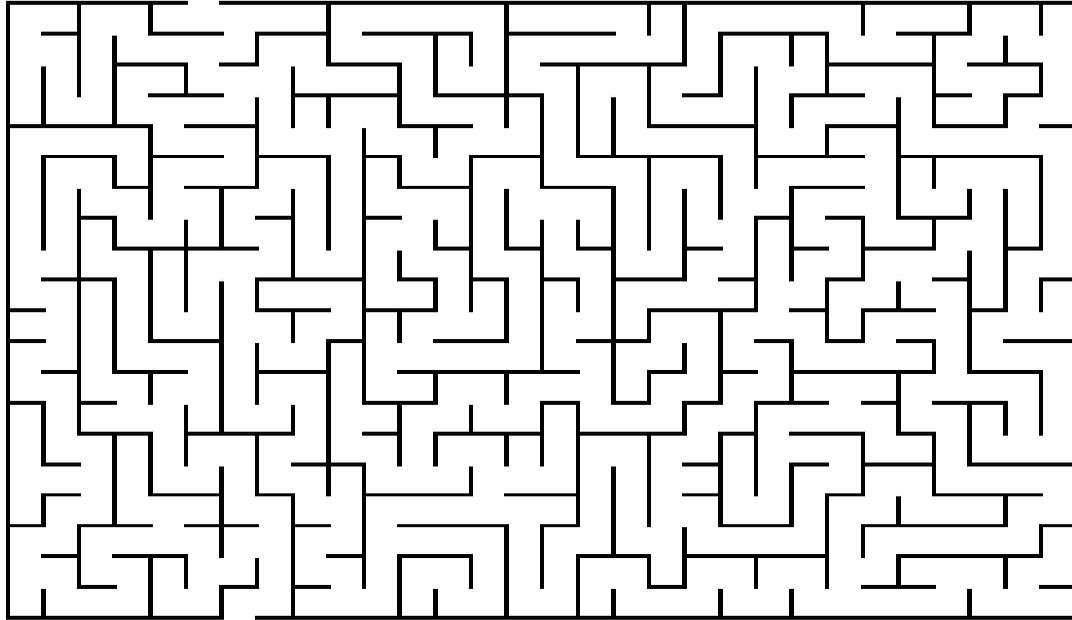
**TONIGHT’S OFFERING—HELPING HANDS FUND**

All of the offerings received at the two Christmas Eve services will be used to replenish Northwood’s much-used Helping Hands Fund. Someone is taken to a nearby grocery store – we help them purchase milk, bread, and eggs. Someone else is provided a one night stay in a modest motel. Someone else has a small amount sent to Duke Energy to keep their electricity on, etc., etc., etc. . . . Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:31-46.

**USHERS:** Todd & Kaleb Adkisson, Kim Blackmore

**GREETERS:** Barbara Englehart & Nancy Johnson

**Just for Kids**  
Help Mary & Joseph Get to the Stable



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