CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (9/20 School Year)
Children 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 Cassandra Fredriksen.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back left 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 will be studying our series, Amplify.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI is an adult class to explore how our faith informs our daily life. Individuals age 19 to 90 are welcome to come and study with us. This week, Jack Alwood will share a book review of Waking Up White by Debby Irving. Next week, December 8th, Nancy Marshall will discuss why she left the Methodist Church and joined the Unitarian Universalists.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study. This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the Immersion Bible Studies—Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindyl1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

10:45 A.M. “Defenders”
The “Defenders” meets in rooms 5 & 7 at 10:45am. This class is taught by Michael Jashosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. Today’s class is the first of a 6-week study Surprised by Hope by N.T. Wright. It is important that you have the book, Surprised by Hope, which can be purchased through Amazon. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer Briggs@gmail.com.

HYMN NOTES:
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (88)
In monasteries as early as the ninth century during Advent vespers the eight days before Christmas, seven “O”s were sung before and after the Magnificat (see two paragraphs of the “Song of Mary” in the hymnal at #99 and #100). The seven began: “O Sapientia” (Wisdom); “O Adonai” (Lord); “O Radix Jesse” (Root of Jesse); “O Clavis David” (Key of David); “O Oriens” (Day spring); “O Rex” (King); “O Emmanuel” (God with us). It was customary for each of the principal officers of a monastery to ‘keep his O’ in turn, by singing his ‘Great O’ and then provide a pittance or feast for the monks. Then in the 12th century, an unknown poet took five of the antiphons, reordered them and added the refrain to make the hymn.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 1:  Martha Carland, Nancy Suzor
Tuesday, December 3: Betty Beattie, Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz
Thursday, December 5: Robert Fehringer, Jackie Rice, Mickey Stewart
Friday, December 6: Harry Seckman, Robert Fauso, Zachary Cos, Shane Alexander
Saturday, December 7: Laura Turner, David Hamilton Jr.

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

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

Beattie Family
In Honor of Betty Beattie’s Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2019-2020 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.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:
(8:15) Jesse Loy & Ellen Stoup
(11:00) Nancy Marshall & Dee Rivers

USHERS:
(8:15) Myrl & Doris Chronister
David & Suzanne Hamilton
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoonlein
Jon Mills & Roger Snay
Larry & Sandy Ingram

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

December 1, 2019
Order for the Public Worship of God
December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE COME TO WORSHIP
(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; 

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Chorale Prelude on WACHET AUF” Aaron David Miller
(see the Advent hymn at #349)
(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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER


MUSIC DURING THE SERVING

DOXOLOGY

HYMN #88
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
(stanzas 1,2,3,4)

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Lighting the Candle
Sarah Flaherty, David Hamilton & Heather Wood
(11:00) Bunny & Bill Binner
The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

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

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #360
“Christ Is Coming” UNSER HERRSCHER

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

HYMN #82
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFYDOL.

*BENEDICTION

HYMN #88
“O Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” HYFYDOL.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CAROL

COME HOME WITH SHOWS OF JOYOUS PRAISE; LET NOW YOUR WEEPING CEASE.
GOOD NEWS WILL COME TO BROKEN HEARTS, GOOD NEWS LOVE AND PEACE.
Proclaim God’s favor every day, and comfort those who mourn.
OPPRESSION WILL HEAR OF LIBERTY, AND HOPE WILL BE REBORN.

ANTHEM
“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” Craig Courtney
This anthem leaves Thy throne and Thy Kingdom crown when Thou camest to earth for me. But in Bethlehem’s home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, O come to my heart, Lord Jesus.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for Thee!

WRAP-UP

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Kerry, Aimee, Kayla, Aidan & Aaron McDermott

PRAISE SONG
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

MEET & GREET

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WORSHIP SONG
“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Westminster Youth Choir

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“King of Kings”

VIDEO

“Thrill of Hope”

SCRIPTURE
Luke 1:5-20

MESSAGE
“Hope Rediscovered”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Canticle of the Turning” arr. Mark Hayes

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Our God” (with ‘O Come All Ye Faithful)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU