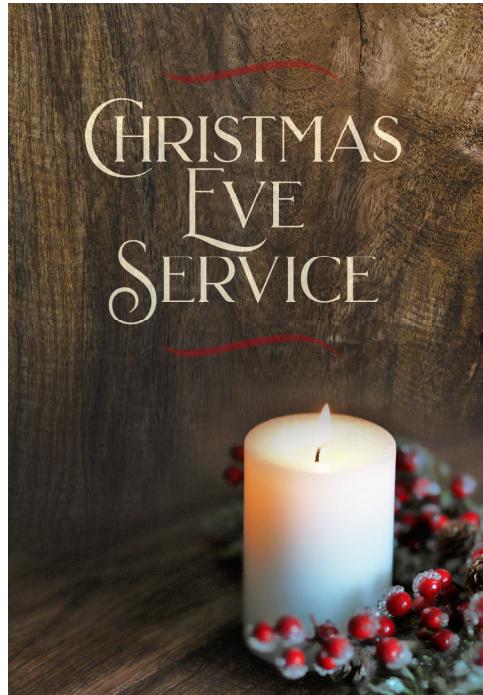


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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978
December 24, 2025
7:00pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church
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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 24, 2025
Christmas Eve
7:00 PM Worship Service**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Carol Rhapsody” Richard Purvis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the darkness of evening to celebrate the newborn Light.

People: With family and friends we worship and adore the Christ-child.

Leader: Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving, for a child,
the Child, is born!

People: We gather to worship Him for He is the Light of the World!

Leader: Come, in this busy season our wait is finished!
Let us worship God!

*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!

**Shepherd's, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
(Refrain)**

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

WELCOME & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

*CAROL MEDLEY

#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.**

#119 “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 host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

#123 “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” CAROL
**It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all gracious King”:
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

#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.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Rollie Haugen and Linda Feller

The reader offers words about the Christ Candle

ALL SINGING

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.**

*Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.*

**Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o're your flocks by night.
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light. *Refrain***

**Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions bean afar;
seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star. Refrain**
(*"Angels, from the Realms of Glory, vs 1-3; Glory to God #143*)

THE PROMISE OF THE LIGHT

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 1:26-38

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 2:1-7

CAROL MEDLEY

#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

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail.)

THE COMING OF THE LIGHT

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 2:8-20

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:12 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Who Will Guide Your Sleigh Tonight?”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

THE PASSING OF THE LIGHT

As the house lights are dimmed, the light from the Christ Candle will be passed to the ushers who will move to light the candle of the first worshipper in each pew. Pass the light by tipping the unlighted candle to the upright lighted one.

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born.”**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure Light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

*REDEDICATION OF OUR LIVES TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

***THE LORD'S PRAYER (all singing)** Albert Hay Malotte
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 for ever.
Amen.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

*BENEDICTION

***CLOSING CAROL #134 “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH**
(stanzas 1,4)

**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 wonders, wonders of his love.**

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

Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist