

# Order for the Public Worship of God

December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

## WE GATHER

*(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

**People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

Leader: Look! The young woman is with child;

**People: she will call him Emmanuel: God is with us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Sing We Now of Christmas/  
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” arr. Brant Adams  
Melanie Schulz, Violin

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #143 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE  
*(stanzas 1,2,4)*

### THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Lighting the Candle

(8:15) Sue Walker & Ellen Stoup

(11:00) Eric, Marcy, Amy & Kurt Kemerer

*The reader offers words about the candle of joy and reads from, Isaiah 35.*

One: And so, Yahweh, God of Promise, hear our prayer:

All: **Lord Jesus, into our darkness, quickly come.**

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

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #108 *(stanza 3)* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

O that birth forever bless-ed when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world’s Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore! Amen.

### CALL TO OFFERING/PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING “What Child Is This?” arr. Lloyd Larson

## “International Carol Suites”

Written and Orchestrated by Mark Hayes

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6-7; John 1: 1-4 (KJV)

Narration: “What Is to Come?”

### Carols of Western Europe

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (Germany)

“He Is Born, the Holy Child” (France)

“The Son of Mary” (Spain)

Solo: Cindy Huffman, Alto

“Still, Still, Still” (Austria)

“Gesu Bambino” (Italy)

Solo: Michele White, Soprano

“Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light” (Germany)

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (France)

Scripture: Luke 2: 6-7 (KJV)

Narration: “What Is Important?”

### Carols of Eastern Europe

“Ukrainian Bell Carol” (Ukraine)

“O, Come Rejoicing” (Poland)

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (Poland)

Solo: Barbara Washburn, Soprano

“Rocking Carol” (Czech Republic)

“Come, Hear the Marvelous News” (Bohemia)

“Carol of the Russian Children” (Russia)

Solo: Roger Winder, Tenor

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-12, 15-18 (KJV)

Narration: “What Matters?”

### Carols of the British Isles

“What Child Is This” (Great Britain)

Solo: Dick Casper, Bass

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” (Great Britain)

“Deck the Hall” (Wales)

Solo: Carol Zaffiri, Soprano

“The Wexford Carol” (Ireland)

Solo: Barbara Jordan, Alto

“Baloo, Lammy” (Scotland)

Solo: Dennis Rasmussen, Tenor

“The Snow Lay on the Ground” (Ireland-England)

“Joy to the World” (England)

### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### \*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

arr. David Cherwien

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)*

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

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

**Terry & Peggy Steele**

*In Loving Memory of*

**Our Mothers**

**Nancy Stevens**

*In Honor of*

**Don Stevens’ Birthday**

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2017 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/birthday!

### **FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY**

#### **GREETERS:**

(8:15) Mary Duffy, Jay Basinger

(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns

#### **USHERS:**

(8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis, Bill & Bunny Bitner

(9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson

(11:00) Mike & Linda O’Leary, Cindy Whiteside, Ed Puschmann

# 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

#### THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Candy & Rich Spoenlein

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS—Pierced Youth Band

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“O, Come All Ye Faithful”

### MEET & GREET

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VIDEO

“Christmas Confusion”

“It’s Christmas”

### SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

#### CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

“Be Born In Me”

Alyssa Long, Soprano

#### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6, Luke 2: 8-14

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#### MESSAGE

The Promises of His Coming:

#2 “Peace”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

#### SONG OF DEDICATION

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

#### GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### 8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (17/18 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– Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Justine Ruisz & Chrissy Raborn.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Gulten Wulf & Aly Tobiassen.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassandra Fredrickson & Jean Swintek.

### 11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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### Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

*Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski, Chair of Worship Team.*

### 9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School will meet this week for Sunday School. All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary for the 9:30 Ignite service. We will attend service for the first 20 minutes and then move to the City for Sunday School.

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class**—This week, in Rooms 9 and 11, the TCI class will continue its two-week discussion of “The Parable of the Talents” and how to use the teachings of the parable in forming a new worshipping community. Coffee and cookies are always available.

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class** will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

## Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

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THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

#### *Ministers: All Members of the Church*

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission  
Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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