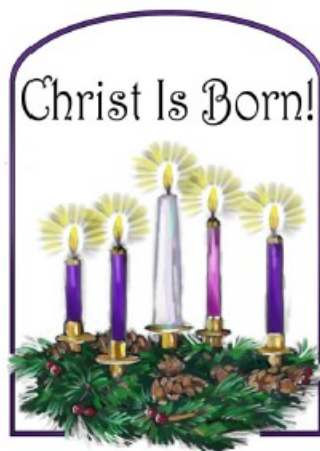


Northwood Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)
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Welcome to Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24, 2015
4:30 PM



The Reverend Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Senior Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor
Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults
Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministries
Stephanie Carson, Director of Music
Thomas D. Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
Tracy Donovan, Director of Communications & Membership Coordinator
Chris Hurst, Business Administrator
Linda O'Leary, Bookkeeper
Vicki Conolly, Director of Schools
Amy McDermott, Director of Nursery

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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4:10 Pre-service Music

James Birch—Bass Guitar
Kathryn Birch—Guitar
Sarah Birch—Violin
Aidan McDermott—Piano
Brianna Adkisson—Piano
Hannah Gipson—Piano
Isaac Jeffre—Piano
Eli Jeffre—Trumpet
Garland Pelham—Piano
Drew Strelcheck—Piano
Aly Tobiassen—Piano
Sarah Birch—Piano
Heather Wood—Clarinet

Dan Jeffre
"Joy To The World"

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"
"O Come All Ye Faithful"
"The Star Carol"
"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"
"First Noel"
"What Child is This"
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Carol of the Bells"
"Joy to the World"

WELCOME

*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!

*CAROL # 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!"

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE—Pam, Dan, Isaac and Eli Jeffre

CAROL #121 **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** ST. LOUIS

*(During the singing of these carols, we invite all children who would like to sing
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain" to come forward.)*

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 #115 **"Away in a Manger"** MUELLER

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.

CHILDREN’S SONG **“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”** GO TELL IT
(Children of the Congregation)
Solo: Caitlyn Turner

CALL TO OFFERING AND 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 Florida Power 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 **“While by the Sheep We Watched”** arr. Lloyd Larson
Robert Wood, Oboe

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

“An Unplugged Christmas”
Created by Susie Williams and Luke Gambill

“Biggest, Brightest Christmas”
Soloists: Aidan McDermott

SCENE 1:

“Born Is the King (It’s Christmas)”
*Soloists: James Birch, Claire Cantin, Brianna Adkisson,
Kassandra Mattson, Kathryn Birch*

SCENE 2

“Silent Night Rap”
*Soloists: Pearce Turner, Drew Strelcheck, Joey Weidner,
Matthew Nigels, Delaney Pope, Sarah Birch*

SCENE 3

“Toward the Light”
Written by NPC member, Jeanne Stephen
Soloists: Kaleb Adkisson, Eli Jeffre, Jacob Pope, Daniel Marshall

SCENE 4

“Joy to the World (Sing Joy)”
Soloists: Connor Stein, Isaac Jeffre

LIGHTING OF CANDLES #122 **“Silent Night”** STILLE NACHT
*Please hum along until invited to sing; stand for the last verse. Thank you for holding lighted
candles completely upright and leaning unlighted candles toward the lighted ones.*

***CLOSING HYMN #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*

***BENEDICTION**

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

Cast In The Order of Appearance

Eddie	Isaac Jeffre
Cory	Eli Jeffre
Lindsey	Kasandra Mattson
Lyle	Daniel Marshall
Seth	Kaleb Adkisson
Sammy	Jacob Pope
Gaspar	Drew Strelcheck (Keyboard)
Balthasar	Matthew Nigels (Guitar)
Melchior	Pearce Turner (Guitar)
Joey	Connor Stein (Percussion)
Tessa	Brianna Adkisson
Vanessa	Kathryn Birch
Mrs. Taylor	Babs Bailey
Fred	Joey Weidner (Drums)
Scripture Readers	Haley Marshall, James Birch, Adam Booth, Logan Givens, Joyce Worley, Sarah Worley, Hannah Gipson, Delaney Pope, Claire Cantin, Sarah Birch, Aidan McDermott
Joseph	Jarrett Mattson
Mary	Sonya Weidner
Shepherds	Dylan Cantin, Brandon Strelcheck
Angel	Aly Tobiassen

THANK YOU TO:

Tracey Birch for providing props, costumes, ideas, 3 children in this musical and amazing friendship! We consulted for 2 hours about things which she then made happen, including lots of glitter. She also is running sound and lights during rehearsals and this evening. Selfless and giving and joyful thru it all.

Justine Ruisz for her presence at all rehearsals, help with the 4:30 bulletin and her calm demeanor and willingness to help with anything.

Babs Bailey Our Mrs. Taylor!

Rehearsal moms: Stephanie Strelcheck, Tanya Adkisson, Emily Cantin and others behind the scenes to help create order with our 24 children.

Tom Huffman for playing piano/organ for the service and the musical and playing for children in our pre-service music.

Parents for asking ‘How can I help?’ and for then helping with set-up, tear down & put back together, providing props and creating props, helping your children learn their lines and giving them a foundation of Christ in their lives.

Worship with us Sunday, December 27th 10:00 AM

A service for the whole church family in the form of a Lessons and Carols Service. This will be our only service this Sunday.

Discovering Northwood

The new year is a significant time for friends to join our church family. We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here and also to our *Discovering Northwood* class **Sunday, January 17 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building from **10:45AM-12:00PM** to learn more about our church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org or 796-8090, or contact our Membership Coordinator, Tracy Donovan, at communications@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090.

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 close Thursday, December 24th at noon and will remain closed Friday, December 25th and Monday, December 28th for Christmas.
- The office will close on Thursday, December 31st at noon, and will remain closed Friday, January 1st for New Year’s Day. We will re-open Monday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m.

2015 Giving

2015 Contributions—Giving intended for 2015 must be received in the church office by **noon on December 31st** or postmarked **no later than December 31, 2015**. 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 2015.

News from the Stewardship & Finance Team

2016 Giving/Pledge Envelopes are now available 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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Sunday of each month rather than being dated. If you wish to set up online giving, go to www.northwoodpc.org and click the “Giving” link to our secure online portal. Thank you for your faithful support.