

Northwood Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, Florida 33761

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Welcome to Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:30 PM



The Reverend Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
The Reverend Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor
Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
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
Laura Woodard, Director of Schools
Amanda Johnson, Director of Nursery

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Dan Jeffre

James Birch: "Pat-a-Pan," piano
Kathryn Birch: "Deck the Halls," piano
Sarah Birch: "Angels We Have Heard on High," piano
Delaney Pope: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," guitar
Brianna Adkisson: "Silent Night," piano
Eli Jeffre: "A Christmas Medley," trumpet
Aidan McDermott: "Joy to the World," piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Justine Ruisz,
Director of Children's Ministries

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

*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!"

*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)*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Childs-Kean Family: Joe, Lindsey, Layna, Dale, Lisa, Ryan, Phil and Bernie

SUNG RESPONSE *(all singing)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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”
(Children of the Congregation)
Solo: Annabelle Fredriksen

GO TELL IT

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Paul Means,
Associate Pastor

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

“Carol of the Bells”
Mitchell Johnston

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

“Christmas County Spelling Bee”

Created and arranged by Celeste and David Clydesdale.

Additional songs from ‘A Big Barrel of Carols’

Director/Choreography/additional dialogue, Stephanie Carson

“The Christmas County Spelling Bee”

Solo: Brianna Adkisson

Spelling Bee, Round 1:

“Comfort and Joy”

Solos: Gavin Bowles, Rachel Gangelhoff, James Birch

Spelling Bee, Round 1 (continues)

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Solos: Jade Johnson, Connor Stein

Spelling Bee, Round 2

“Wonderful Counselor”

Solos: Claire Cantin, Delaney Pope, Sarah Birch, Adam Booth

Spelling Bee, Round 2 (continues)

“Emmanuel”

Spelling Bee, Final Round

“Toward the Light” by Jeanne Stephen

Solos: Aidan McDermott, Kathryn Birch, Pearce Turner

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.*

CAST *(In Order of Appearance)*

Commentator, Vanna Black.....	Jade Johnson
Judge Jenny.....	Brianna Adkisson
Pronouncer, Alex Treebark.....	Aidan McDermott
Amanda Allen	Kathryn Birch
Jackson Smith.....	Gavin Bowles
Katie Collins.....	Claire Cantin
Barney Fifer.....	Adam Booth
Ferris Wyler.....	Pearce Turner
Sophia Hancock.....	Delaney Pope
Randy Richard	James Birch
Beatrice B. Beasley.....	Sarah Birch
Bella McDoubt.....	Rachel Gangelhoff
Jeffrey Johnson	Connor Stein

THANK YOU TO:

Tracey Birch for doing everything from sound, to music prep, to lights, to props, and all with JOY. I could NOT have done this without her.

Tanya Adkisson for her calming presence at all rehearsals and for assigning costumes and helping with the costume changes.

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

Parents for nurturing their children in the church by getting them to rehearsals, memorizing lines, and giving of their talents back to God - and what talents they have!

These Children for their dedication and joy for this musical. Their love of Jesus shows!

Worship with us Sunday, December 25th 10:00 AM– One Service

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

Three Services Sunday, January 1st– Epiphany Sunday

We begin the new year with worship at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. Pastor Chris Curvin will be preaching on the topic, “Beginning the New Year Without the Weight of the World on Your Shoulders!”

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 Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th.
- The office will close on Friday, December 30th, and will remain closed Monday, January 2nd for New Year’s Day. We will re-open Tuesday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m.

2016 Giving

2016 Contributions—Giving intended for 2016 must be received in the church office by **noon on December 31st** or postmarked **no later than December 31, 2016**. 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 2016.

News from the Stewardship & Finance Team

2017 Giving/Pledge Envelopes will be available Sunday, January 1 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.