

HYMN NOTES:

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (136)

This African-American spiritual is in the typical call-and-response pattern and is a straightforward retelling of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke. The words and perhaps the music were adapted from traditional sources by John W. Work, Jr. who apparently wrote the verses as the original ones could not be found. His son copyrighted that and other songs in his 1940 book *American Negro Songs*. John W. Work, III took pleasure in recalling his early days as a child on the campus of Fisk University where his father was a teacher. Very early on Christmas morning, long before sunrise, it was then the custom for students to gather and walk together from building to building singing this spiritual. It was first published in a mainline denominational hymnal in the *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958 (United Church of Christ).

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

**Friends of Northwood
Presbyterian Church**

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, Dec. 31:** Mark Johnston, Nancy Turner
- Monday, Jan. 1:** Jacob Mattheus
- Tuesday, Jan. 2:** Cambia Woodford, Sheena Watkins, Robert Wood
- Wednesday, Jan. 3:** Rocky Davis
- Thursday, Jan. 4:** Martha Tobiassen, Louise Mylin, Pam Jeffre, Olive Scales, Oskar Scales
- Friday, Jan. 5:** Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner
- Saturday, Jan. 6:** Yvonne Cherry, Robert Holleman, Spencer Briggs

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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTE:

(11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:

(8:15) Mary Duffey, Jay Basinger

(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns

USHERS:

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

(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin

(11:00) Mike & Linda O'Leary, Cindy Whiteside, Ed Pusmann

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd 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 Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Jessica & Tim Jones.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Justine Ruisz.

**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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

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

Middle & High School will meet this week! 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 Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

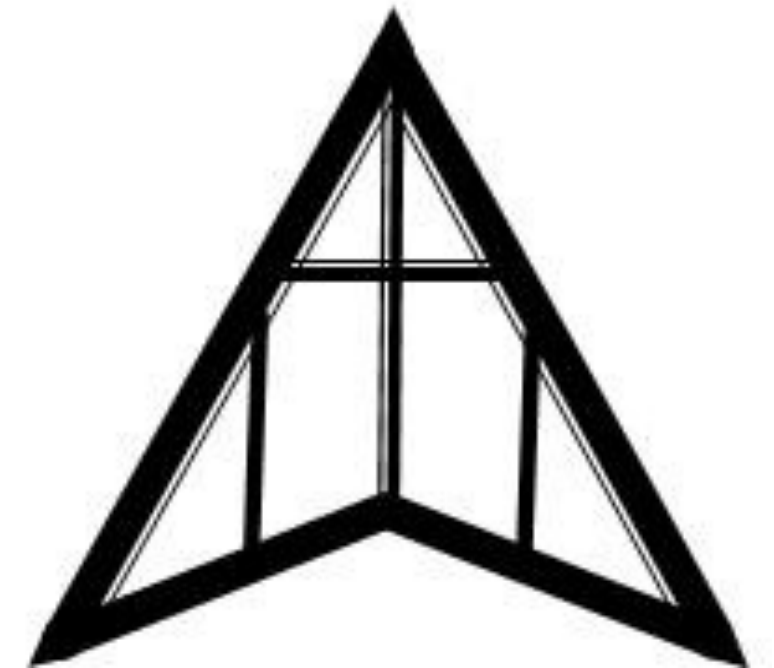
9:30 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class— Fred Heider will lead a discussion of the issues surrounding Prince Harry's recent engagement. Please join us for a lively "give and take". Coffee and cookies are always offered.

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*

December 31, 2017



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
Stephanie Carson, Music Director
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Order for the Public Worship of God

December 31, 2017

1st Sunday after Christmas Day
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

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad.
People: The whole of creation declares your glory, O Lord.
Leader: Now in our worship we proclaim your glory, your goodness and your grace, O Lord Almighty.
People: We proclaim your Kingdom to the ends of the earth, your love to the highest mountain, your forgiveness to the depths of the sea.
Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

arr. Diane Bish

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION—Garage Sale

Stephanie Carson

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #134

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of love, as we reflect back on this past year and prepare to live out our faith in the year upcoming, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions: Our broken promises, our selfishness and our lack of faith in your goodness and grace. O Dear Lord, for these sins of commission and omission, may you show us mercy, grant us forgiveness and by your grace empower us to live faithful lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SOLO

“In Silence He Came”

Joseph M. Martin

Liana Stephen, Soprano

In silence He came with grace soft as snowfall. Hushed was creation awaiting His cry. The voice of His Mother reached out in the night, filling the air with a sweet lullaby. Singing a sweet lullaby.

In evening He came with hope like a candle. Starlight and moonbeams dancing on straw as gentle blue shadows fell soft on the stall. The glory of heaven came down for us all. Jesus was born for us all.

Light of the world, song in the shadows. Star of the morning and heaven’s bright Son, Bringer of peace, Grace everlasting; He is the promise, He is Messiah, He is the glorious One!

In mystery He came and wrapped up in wonder, miracle baby from heaven above. O how can it be that this babe in a manger brings us salvation and warms us with love.

Still, still, still, come and see the child so still. For Christ is crowned with heaven’s glory, Still your heart and bow before Him. O night when Christ was born.

--Words and music by Joseph M. Martin
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OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 5th Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or see back panel for classroom information.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Through the Stable Door” Andrew M. Wilson
Liana Stephen, Soprano

*Come with me and look through the stable door,
where the infant savior lies upon his bed of straw.
Come with me and see, born for you and me
Mary’s baby, heaven’s king, while the angels sing.*

*Come with me and look round his manger bed,
how the shepherds crowd to bless the holy baby’s head.
Come with me and see, born for you and me,
Mary’s baby, heaven’s king, while the angels sing.*

*Mary, sweet and mild, rock you little child,
Mary ever calm, keep him safe from harm,
“Glory be to God on high” hear the song
the angels sing in the midnight sky.*

*A DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #128

“Infant, Holy, Infant Lowly”

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WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-23 *(page 784)*

SERMON

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

“When the Celebration of Christmas Fades
in the Face of Life’s Challenges”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #136

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

GO TELL IT

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING

“Jubilate Deo”

Jacques Berthier

(please be seated) Liana Stephen, Soprano

*Jubilate Deo omnis terra, Servite Domino in laetitia.
Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia!*

*Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!*

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY “O Come, All Ye Faithful” arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

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

PRAISE SONG

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION—Garage Sale

“Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth”

Larry & Jeanne Stephen

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children’s Sunday School, please see the back panel of this bulletin under “Christian Education”.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Our God (with O Come, All Ye Faithful)”

VIDEO—“New Year’s Hope”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

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MESSAGE

“When the Celebration of Christmas Fades

in the Face of Life’s Challenges”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“He Has Come for Us”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU