

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Harris Family: Troy, Blake & Alec

"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

MEET & GREET CHRISTMAS CAROLS

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS WORSHIP CONTINUES

"Winter Snow"

Stephanie Carson, Solo

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

"Do You Hear What I Hear"

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 11:2-6 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

"An Angel with Buck Teeth"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Propst

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Hallie Pelham & Pat Cheek, Diane Musto

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

3rd-5th Grades Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.
Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

In the coming weeks, let us prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. 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 this process, please contact elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team the week prior to communion Sunday.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: The Gospel according to John is a challenging study. Yet it helps us see what Jesus had to face in trying to lead the people to God's way. Imagine being taught by your religious leaders that it is wrong to do God's will on Sunday. We read in chapter 9 such an incident. Join us as we learn more of what our Lord has done for us. Class starts at 9:45 but come a little early for coffee and a time to chat. Led by Doug Shierling.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: Do we have an understanding of what happens when the Lord's Supper is shared here at Northwood? How would this understanding be affected, if at all, if the Communion were to be shared with others over the Internet? Bill Bitner will lead a discussion that will address examples of churches that are providing on line communion as well as virtual churches in general. The class meets in rooms 9 & 11 at 9:30 AM accompanied by coffee and cookies.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: "Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

December 15, 2013



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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 15, 2013
3rd Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence cell phones.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY Joseph M. Martin
“The Voices of Christmas—Prologue”

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service).

***CAROL #143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”** REGENT SQUARE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY—Isaiah 55:9-12

(8:15) The Gajentan Family: Peter & Susan
(11:00) The Luke Family: Dave, Diane & Betsy

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN #85 TIF IN VELDELE
“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”
(stanzas 1, 2 & 3)

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Mighty and powerful God, your word says, “Rejoice always” ... but we would rather sulk about the things that don’t go right. Your word says, “Pray without ceasing” ... but we go for days without even thinking about You. Your word says, “Give thanks in all circumstances” ... but our thankfulness is fleeting. Your word says “Hold fast to what is good,” while we hold fast to sinful ways of thinking and acting. Forgive us our sins and have mercy upon us O God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #88 (stanza 6)**
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "In the Bleak Midwinter" Gustav Holst
Melanie Cox, Violin arr. Jason W. Krug
(based on the Christmas Hymn #144)

“The Voices of Christmas”

By Joseph M. Martin; Narration by Pamela Martin

“The Voices of Christmas”

The Voice of Israel

Narrator: Psalm 130:5-8; Isaiah 30:18b
“O Come, Emmanuel”
Michele White, Soprano

The Voice of Isaiah

Narrator: Isaiah 40:3-5a
“The Promise Is Near”

The Voice of Gabriel

Narrator: Luke 1:26-27, 30b-32a
“Chosen Mary, Gentle One”
Bill Martin, Tenor; Barb Jordan, Alto

The Voice of Mary

Narrator: Luke 1:46-49
“Still Is the Night”
Cindy Huffman, Alto; Gene Ecker, Tenor

The Voice of the Shepherd

Narrator: Luke 2:8-11, 25
“Shepherds, Come Rejoicing”
Carol Zaffiri, Soprano

The Voice of the Star

Narrator: Psalm 19:2-4
“Listen to the Stars”
Dennis Rasmussen, Tenor

The Voice of Silence

Narrator: Habakkuk 2:20; Psalm 49:10
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
Barb Jordan, Alto

The Voices of Christmas

Narrator: I John 1:1, 2b-3a, 4
“Good Christians, Now Rejoice”
(congregation stand and sing)

**Good Christians, now rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christians, now rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Now ye need not fear the grave for Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Wilbur Held
“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

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

“The Voices of Christmas”

Cantata Members:

Violin: Melanie Cox Oboe: Kaila Delaney
Flute I: Adrienne Clover Flute II/piccolo: Kathy Terry
Clarinet: Nikki Metropolous Trumpets: Emily and Steve Cantin
Percussion: Diane Suris

Stephanie Carson: Director of Music
Tom Huffman: Organist/Associate Director of Music

Drama Coordinator: Babs Bailey

Narrator: Garry Justice

The Voices: Chris Bryant

Fontanini Nativity: On loan from Bailey Shields

The Italian Fontanini Family creates nativity figurines in a very detailed process that can take up to two years to complete from beginning to end. Once each piece is created each is hand painted by skilled artisans. We invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the cantata to get a closer look.

Soprano:
Bunny Bitner
Dee Bryant
Rachel Cox
Susan Curry
Irene Dewitt
Gale Dufresne
Connie Evans
Jessie Lusk
Liana Stephen
Michele White
Dawn Winder
Carol Zaffiri
Mary Ellen Zeigler

Alto:
Muriel Antonakes
Pat Callan
Susan Gajentan
Cindy Huffman
Barb Jordan
Marlene Nelson
Marie Purcell
Bailey Shields
Candy Spoenlein
Jeanne Stephen
Georgiana Winder

Tenor:
Fred Drew
Gene Ecker
Dick Evans
Bill Martin
Dennis Rasmussen
Robert Wood

Bass:
Art Callan
Rees Heycock
Garry Justice
Lou Hortobagyi
Peter Gajentan
John Schenk
Joe Zeigler

Nativity Bearers:
Carissa Johnston
Ally Wolf
David Hamilton
Heather Wood
Lindsey Peterson
Sarah Flaherty

THANK YOU! Thank you to the Chancel Choir with extra cantata singers who worked hard over many weeks to present this in worship today. The addition of instruments adds immeasurably to the sound and the beautiful nativity shows fully the incarnation of Christ. We pray it brings you JOY today. Thank you also to the technical team, the youth participating, Babs Bailey’s direction with the creche presentation and to Tom Huffman for his generous and positive collaboration in this and every musical endeavor all year long. I feel extremely blessed with our Northwood worship team. Christmas Blessings to all! ~Stephanie Carson, Director of Music