



**NORTHSIDE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

"That I may know Christ and the power of His resurrection."

Philippians 3:10

December 15, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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Morning Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*Call to Worship (From Isaiah 12)

Leader: Then you will say on that day, "I will give thanks to you, Lord; for although you were angry with me, your anger is turned away, and you comfort me.

All: Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation."

Leader: Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation.

All: And on that day you will say, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name. Make known his deeds among the peoples; make them remember that his name is exalted."

Leader: Praise the Lord in song, for he has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.

All: Rejoice and shout for joy, you inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

*Prayer of Invocation

***Opening Hymn** *Good Christian Men, Rejoice!* #207

Scripture Readings

First Reading *2 Chronicles 36:22-23* (Pew Bible p. 388)

Second Reading *Romans 8:22-25* (Pew Bible p. 944)

Corporate Confession

Unison

Father in Heaven, make this our prayer today. Your word says, "Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O

God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.” In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen. (from Psalm 51)

Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Hymn** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen!*

#211

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for Bob & Cindy Perry, New Path 1010, Hatem & Lisa/Middle East

***Hymn** *Joy Has Dawned Upon the World*

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| 1. Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation:
God’s salvation now unfurled,
Hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory.
But a humble gift of love:
Jesus born of Mary. | 2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother’s breast,
Vulnerable and helpless. |
| 3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story.
Gold, a King is born today,
Incense, God is with us,
Myrrh, His death will make a way,
And by His blood He’ll win us. | 4. Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom,
Reconciling God and man,
Christ our mighty Champion.
What a Saviour, what a Friend,
What a glorious mystery:
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of history. |

Offertory Prayer

Offering

***Offertory Hymn** *Doxology*

#731

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

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon: *Christ Our Joy*

Text: Isaiah 35:10

Pastor Tim Weldon

(Pew Bible p. 596)

Sermon Notes:

OUR RESPONSE

***Closing Hymn** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

#216

***Benediction**

Congregation Standing

Our worship music is led by Christian Roberson.
Sunday sermons are available on the Northside YouTube channel.

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Missionary Spotlight

Hatem & Lisa, Middle East

Hatem and Lisa's ministry includes producing Christian videos which reach out to people in Muslim areas. What began as a satellite TV outreach primarily has now moved to a focus on using social media. The ability to interact online about Jesus with more people and give follow up support to those who are growing in Christ gives a wider, more focused outreach. Some people are coming to faith for the first time while others are beginning to grow deeper in their faith. As a result of these ongoing conversations, they have developed two discipleship groups, one for new believers and the other one for seekers.

Update from Hatem & Lisa: Pray for all the Christians living in these war zones; that the light of Christ would shine through them. Pray for those who have been displaced and evacuated. Some have fled to our country for safety; waiting to see when and if they can return to their homes. Pray for our ministry as we seek to reach out to many of these displaced individuals through social media efforts with the goal of placing God seekers in an online discipleship group. We have been able to disciple 80 people in the last year, but pray that the Lord will raise up a new Arab speaking discipleship leader.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors. We are grateful for your visit. Please complete a visitor card, located at the front door or in the pew. Use the card to indicate your presence with us and to make us aware of any concerns or prayer requests you may have. Once completed, please place the card in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

Office Hours: No office hours this week. Pastor Tim has jury duty and his schedule is unknown.

December Sundays - Advent

We will celebrate the season of Advent with the lighting of the candles each week on the advent wreath. Advent means “arrival” or “coming”, which points us to the importance of the arrival our Lord & Savior, Jesus. The candles we light each week represent the Hope, the Joy, the Peace, and the Love that Christ brings.

Women’s Growth Opportunities – A new morning bible study will begin Saturday, January 11th, 2025 and contact Stacey for more details. In addition, a bi-monthly devotion and prayer time for women will begin on certain Thursdays at 10:00 am. The next gathering is Thursday, Dec. 19th and contact Joan Wilson with questions.

Congregational Meeting – Today Sunday, December 15th – After worship today, there will be a brief meeting to present the 2025 year financial budget. An up-to-date 2024 year budget will be presented as well.

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Service

Invite your family and friends for our traditional candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Sunday, December 29—Christmas Party

You are invited to a Christmas party at the Weldons’ home from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Join us and invite some friends as we fellowship and eat together. Please bring an appetizer, side or dessert to share.

Ushers

Today: Ronne Haag & Ben Hardgrove
December 22: Jack & William Roberson

Nursery Attendants

Today: Kristin Bane & Abigail Weldon
December 22: Meredith Bilow & Logan Bane

Help[H]er Ministry—Please contact by phone or through email Lucy Pelletier or Opal Hardgrove to meet one on one.

Northside Calendar

Sundays

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. Coffee & Pastries Fellowship
9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:35 – 10:50 a.m. Corporate Prayer
11:00 – 12:15 p.m. Corporate Worship
5:30 p.m. Youth Group Meets
7:00 p.m. College/Young Adults

Mondays

6:30-8:00 p.m. Trail Life & American Heritage Girls

Wednesdays

2:00 p.m. Good News Club at Holsenbeck Elementary
6:45 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study (Home of Lucy Pelletier)

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. Women's Devotion (twice a month)
7:00 p.m. Men's Study/Discipleship

All meetings are held at the church unless otherwise noted.

OUR VISION

Northside is committed to developing lives that count for God through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

WORSHIP: Grow in our understanding, experience, and love of who God is.

WITNESS: Share the good news of who God is and what He has done with those God has placed in our sphere of influence.

ELDERS

Teaching

Tim Weldon:

Ruling

Lee Bane:

Christian Roberson:

DEACONS

Bob Perry:

Jerry Wilson:

Ronne Haag:

DEACON-EMERITUS

Gary Munn

CHURCH PIANIST

Leann Roberson

