

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 2021--- First Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader-Courtney Holt, Elder-Charlie Fillingham, Advent Candle-The Rodgers Family  
Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn, Musicians-Strum

## **CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE**

Prelude---Strum

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Courtney Holt

### **Call to Worship (Jeremiah 33:14-16 CEB)**

Leader: The time is coming, declares the LORD,

**People: when I will fulfill my gracious promise with the people of Israel and Judah.**

Leader: In those days and at that time,

**People: I will raise up a righteous branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land.**

Leader: In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

**People: And this is what he will be called: The LORD Is Our Righteousness.**

### **Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates CH#129**

**Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold the glorious Ruler waits!  
The Sovereign One is drawing near; the Savior of the World is here.**

**Redeemer, come! We open wide our hearts to you; here, Christ, abide!  
Let us your inner presence feel, your grace and love in us reveal.**

**So come, our Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;  
your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope--- The Rodgers Family

### **Prayers of the People ---Rev. Brett Winters**

*(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or typing them on Facebook.)*

Musical Response

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Morning Message: "Annunciation"

Special Music-Strum

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.)

Welcome to the Table/The Words of Institution

**Communion Hymn: Emmanuel, Emmanuel CH#134**

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel. (2x)**

The Communion Prayer---Charlie Fillingham

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

Invitation to Partake Together

**Partaking of Communion**  
Music during Communion---Jeff Nunn

**CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

A Time for Sharing

**Closing Hymn: Comfort, Comfort You My People CH#122**

**Comfort, comfort you my people, tell of peace, thus says our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load.  
Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.**

**Make you straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.  
For the glory of our God now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.**

Benediction

Postlude

*(As you depart you may place your tithes and offerings in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. Thank You helping equip North Oak Christian Church to love others as Christ first loved us.)*

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**TO OUR GUESTS---WELCOME!**

**SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

**WE WALK HUMBLY, LOVE DEEPLY, LIVE SIMPLY, AND SERVE JOYFULLY**

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**[www.nocckc.org](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)**

**OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

**Advent Devotionals**

Free Copies of "I Am Mary" by Carol Howard Merritt are available in the lobby for anyone wishing to take part in this daily devotional throughout the season. Mary's perspective will guide us along our journey to Christmas. The themes and scriptures from the devotional will also be our themes for worship.

### **Bell Prairie Christmas Adoption**

What a generous congregation we are blessed to have! Almost all of the tree tags have been taken for purchase. We do need help with one thing. Did anyone take a tag for Child #3, shoes and Child #3, fidgets/ pop its/ squishy? We missed getting you signed up so we'll know who's responsible for these gifts. So please let Laraine or Linda know.

Two reminders: Tape your tag to the bottom of wrapped gift w child's identifying number showing. And gifts MUST be returned by Sunday, DECEMBER 5!

Again, thank you for helping these children have a Merry Christmas!

Laraine Walters—(417)718-1218

Linda Daniels—(816)560-1239

### **November Community Outreach Ministries Update: Backpack Ministry**

We now have 10 families as one family has moved. Food has been packed and delivered weekly, including the week of Thanksgiving, along with the Sun Fresh gift cards. Thank you to the November team of Jill and Larry Rodgers, Jayne and Bob Bruno, and Ramie Beck!

#### Sun Fresh Gift Cards

Thanksgiving:

Collections for Sun Fresh gift cards for these families continues, with a total of \$235.00 needed to purchase 2 cards at \$30.00@ and 5 cards at \$35.00@ for over the Thanksgiving break. Because families had moved last year, we still had a few unused Sun Fresh cards that we have given this year.

Christmas:

We hope to collect a total of \$330.00 for Sun Fresh gift cards for over the Christmas break. The total is different than for Thanksgiving because we will purchase cards for all 10 families: 4 cards at \$30.00@ and 6 cards at \$35.00@.

As of Monday, November 15, 2021, the balance in the Community Outreach Ministries: 3047.95. (Outstanding bills include Thanksgiving Sun Fresh gift cards and November groceries totaling a little over 1000.00.)

During this season of giving thanks, members of the Community Outreach Ministry team express gratitude for NOCC's many blessings and continued support of our backpack ministry through prayers offered, time spent, and financial resources shared.

--Ramie Beck, Terry Becker, Cindy O'Hara

### **Nursery Child Care to Resume Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

North Oak Christian Church's amazing childcare person, Mina Garrett, will return to North Oak on December 5, during worship. Would ask for masks if kids are not vaccinated above age 5, Mina, is, vaccinated. We are eager to get back to having programming and content for children in the nursery up through kindergarten.