

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Dec. 5th 2021--- Second Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader-Mel Adams, Elder-Courtney Holt, Advent Candle-The Fillingham Family
Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn,
Musicians-"The Back Alley Trombone Quartet," featuring Matt Fillingham, Matt Hubbel, Alex
Perkins, and Chacko Finn

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude---The Back Alley Trombone Quartet

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Mel Adams

Call to Worship

(inspired by Isaiah 2:4, Isaiah 52:7)

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news.

**People: Who publish peace, who bring good tidings, who publish salvation, and proclaim,
"Your God reigns!"**

Leader: God will judge among many peoples,

**People: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and nation shall not lift up sword
against nation:**

Leader: neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: Let us lift up our voices and praise the God of peace and justice.

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's deep shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope--- The Fillingham 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 1:39-45, 56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

Morning Message: "Peace Within"

Special Music

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: Let there be Peace on Earth CH #677

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

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

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

A Time for Sharing

Closing hymn: Come, O Long-expected Jesus CH #125

**Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us, Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
dear desire of many a nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born your people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.**

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.)

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

More information about NOCC and the Disciples of Christ is available via Facebook & these websites:

www.nocckc.org www.kcdisciples.org www.disciples.org

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Bell Prairie Christmas Adoption

What a successful project due to the generosity of the N. Oak congregation! You have joined together to make Christmas very special for 10 children.

Just a couple of reminders for bringing this to a close. Wrapped gifts MUST be returned this Sunday, December 5. Please remember to tape the tag with child's identifying number to the bottom of the gift. And again, thank you so much.

Laraine & Linda

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.

Cherith Brook

Seeking volunteers to join a team to help with delivery of clothes and other donations to Cherith Brook for a couple of hours, one month at a time, starting in January. For more information talk with Dale Herrick.

Upcoming Worship themes and schedule

Dec 5th, 2021

Second Week of Advent-Peace---Reading Luke 1:39-45, 56

Dec. 12th, 2021

Third Week of Advent-Joy---Reading Luke 1:46-57

Dec. 19th, 2021 Cantata Sunday (Performed by our NOCC Choir)

Fourth Week of Advent-Love---Reading Luke 2:1-7

Dec. 24th, 2021 Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00 (In sanctuary and on Facebook)

Lighting of the Christ Candle-Reading Luke 2:8-20

Dec. 26th Lessons and Carols Service

Nursey Child Care to Resume Today

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