

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Dec. 12th 2021--- Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader-Ramie Beck, Elder-Courtney Holt, Advent Candle-The Larson Family
Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn, Jubilation Ringers
Director-Stacey Reynolds

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude---Jubilation Ringers
"We Three Kings"

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Ramie Beck

Call to Worship

Opening hymn: Blessed Be the God of Israel CH#135

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David a child of grace has come,
a Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy--- The Larson 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 1:46-55
Song of Mary (Canticle) CH#131**

Sung Response: My Soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.

Leader: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

People: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.

Leader: From this day all generations shall call me blessed:

People: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is the name of the Lord, whose mercy is on those who fear God from generation to generation.

Sung Response: My Soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.

Leader: The arm of the Lord is strong, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

People: God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly.

Leader: God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

People: God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant, remembering the promise of mercy, the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

Sung Response: My Soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.

Morning Message: "Mary's song of liberation"

Special Music

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

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: Like a Child

**Like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,
like a child and a friend, Jesus comes
like a child we may find claiming heart soul and mind,
like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes**

**Like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet,
like a child on the street, Jesus comes
like a child we once knew coming back into view,
like a child born anew, Jesus comes**

Like a child born to pray and to show us the way,
like a child here to stay, Jesus comes
like a child we receive all that love can conceive,
like a child we believe Jesus comes.

The Communion Prayer---Courtney Holt

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

Christmas Special Day Offering Moment

Choral Benediction: NOCC Choir

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

Christmas Special Day Offering of our Denomination

The Christmas Offering supports [regional ministries](#). In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured, and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

Upcoming Worship themes and schedule

Choir Cantata Sunday

Dec. 19th 10:15a.m. in sanctuary and on Facebook

Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 24th at 7:00p.m. in sanctuary and on Facebook

Lessons and Carols Service

Dec. 26th at 10:15a.m. in the sanctuary and on Facebook.

Advent Devotional Videos from our Regional Church

Daily advent devotional videos have been prepared by the Becoming Beloved Community Team of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City, go to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClN23m-Q4gAwK_5RIYFdxTg