

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Dec. 19th 2021--- Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader-Mel Adams, Elder-Courtney Holt, Advent Candle-The Glidewell Family
Intentional Interim Minister-Rev. Brett Winters, Music Director-Jeff Nunn,

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Mel Adams

Call to Worship

Leader: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous love that God has sent.

People: Our hearts are filled with the promise that is coming into the world.

Leader: The time is fast approaching for the awareness of God's gracious gift to us--the gift of the Christ child.

People: Help slow us down, O God, so that we may recognize this love, at the center of our lives!

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love--- The Glidewell 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 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Choir Cantata
“The Promise of a King: A Christmas Proclamation of Hope”

Cantata Musical Selections:
The King Shall Come
Celebrate the Promise
Sleep, Little Baby
Let Every Nation
This Holy Christmas Night
Christmas Bells Are Gladly Ringing
Fit for a King
The Birthday of a King

NOCC Choir Participants: Jayne Bruno, Ramie Beck, Bob Bruno, Lee-Ann Semsch,
Terry O’ Hara, Randi Struxness, Anna Wooderson, Alison Graham, Helen Traphagan,
Corrie Tice, Brett Winters, Stacey Reynolds, Bob Lewis, Linda Daniels
Narrator: Charlie Arnot, Director and Lead Accompanist: Jeff Nunn
Cantata Script: Music by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin, Narration by Pamela Martin,
Orchestration by Brant Adams

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 All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence CH#124

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand**

**Truly God, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
word of God, in human venture, in the body and the blood,
Christ will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

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

Closing Hymn: When God is a Child

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Savior is born.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

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 at Bell Prairie

Thank you goes to our special elves Linda Daniels and Laraine Walters for delivering to Bell Prairie all 50 wrapped and tagged gifts for the children we adopted -- the “we” are members and friends of NOCC who generously shopped for those 10 children.

And this week, once again because of the giving spirit at NOCC, 9 Sun Fresh gift cards totaling \$290.00 have been delivered to our backpack families to help them through the holidays. Indeed, the Holy Spirit has touched those at both North Oak and Bell Prairie -- it has no price tag.

We are looking for people to deliver the filled sacks to Bell Prairie on the four Wednesdays in February. Please contact Terry Becker if you can deliver on even one of the Wednesdays— you pick which one! 816-526-5085 or Tennisterry40love@gmail.com

Childcare

The nursery will be available on Cantata Sunday, Dec. 19th as well as for Christmas Eve at 7p.m. on December 24th.

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. Gifts from our congregation will stay with our region!

Upcoming Worship themes and schedule

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.

Early Education Center Volunteers Needed

Before the lockdown in 2020, North Oak was ready to encourage and schedule volunteers at the Early Education Center in NKC School District.

This would involve folks who are willing and available to volunteer to help with toy and book check out at the center. The center is open for check out from 9:30-11 am and 1:30-3 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Orientation and training would be provided.

Anyone who is interested in helping out, should let Cindy O'Hara know by January 3, 2022 at cohara30@gmail.com or 816-808-6409.