

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Christmas Eve 2021

7:00pm

Prelude

NOCC Jubilation Ringers

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Words of Welcome and Intent

Rev. Brett Winters

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer

Leader: We count it in mere hours now. Soon the first pains of labor will be felt.

People: Soon the Light will shine in the darkness, soon the baby will be born.

Leader: Soon God will once again break into our lives, coming in a way that is expected yet unusual,

People: Soon love will awaken, challenging our expectations and calling us to see life differently.

Invocation/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.

Opening Hymn: Good Christian Friends Rejoice

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now you hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

Reading Luke 1:35–38

Reflection: Here Am I

The Rodgers Family

Lighting of First Advent Candle

Hymn: Hark the Herald Angels Sing CH#150 v1&2

**Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him
come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate
Deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”**

Reading Luke 1:39–45

Reflection: She Who Believed

Lighting of Second Advent Candle

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High CH#155

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains, and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains. Gloria, inexcelsis Deo! Gloria, inexcelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong. What the gladsome tidings
be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria, inexcelsis Deo! Gloria, inexcelsis Deo!**

Reading Luke 1:46–58

Reflection: Lifting the Lowly

The Larson Family

Lighting of Third Advent Candle

Special Music:

NOCC Jubilation Ringers

“What Child Is This”

Reading Luke 2:1-7

Reflection: The Time Came

The Glidewell Family

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem CH#144 v1,2

**O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
while mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth.
Your voices raise to God in praise; and peace to all on earth.**

Reading Luke 2:8-20

Reflection: Anointed One

The Hearst Family

Lighting of Christ Candle

Special Music-

NOCC Choir

**“Sleep Little Baby”
(visual artist-Tristen Holt)**

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

The Communion Prayer---

Invitation to Partake Together

Partaking of Communion

Music during Communion

Jeff Nunn

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE

Christmas Proclamation

Candlelight Hymn: Silent Night

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

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
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