

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022--- Second Sunday of Christmas  
Worship Leader-Courtney Holt, Elder-Jayne Bruno,  
Music Director-Jeff Nunn,

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

Prelude---Jeff Nunn

Welcome/Morning Prayer---Courtney Holt

### **Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn: As with Gladness CH# 173**

**As with gladness sages bold did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so true Morning Star, may we ever more your splendor see.**

**As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,  
there to bend the knee before One whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek your mercy seat.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at the manger plain and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to you from whom they spring.**

Pastoral Prayer---Rev. Laura Guy

Musical Response

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Morning Message---Rev. Laura Guy

Special Music-Jeff Nunn

### **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---Rev. Laura Guy

#### **Communion Hymn: I Wonder as I Wander CH#161**

**I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

**If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, he surely could have it. 'cause he was the King.**

**I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

The Communion Prayer---Jayne Bruno

#### **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---Rev. Laura Guy

#### **Partaking of Communion**

Music during Communion---Jeff Nunn

### **CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE**

**Closing Hymn: Go, Tell It on the Mountain CH#167**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that  
blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

Benediction---Rev. Laura Guy

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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## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

### **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting after church (in person and on Facebook) on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **A Thank You Note**

Thank you very much for the Christmas love offering. I am so thankful for everyone at NOCC. Thank you for making me feel so loved and for making me part of your church family.

In gratitude,

Mina Garrett

