

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

November 27th 2022—The First Sunday of Advent

Worship Leader-Mel Adams, Elder Jayne Bruno, Elder Jill Rodgers, Music- Regina Kellogg,

Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

ADVENT CANDLE DEVOTION

Larson Family

ADVENT RESPONSE

Congregation

"One Candle is Lit" pg128 vs 1

**Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night
Our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.**

Invocation

Mel Adams

Opening Hymn

Congregation

" Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" pg125

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 every nation,
joy of many a longing heart.

Born your people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
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.

Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-7

Mel Adams

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence! and you will not save?'

Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted.
Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded!
For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told.
For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation,
who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own.
Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Willis

(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or emailing pastor@nocckc.org)

Sermon Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 2:1-4; 3:17-19

Mel

Adams

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.[
Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation.
God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

Message

“Wait for It.....WAIT FOR IT!”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

“O Come To Us Emmanuel”

NOCC Choir

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. Mark Willis

Communion Hymn:

Congregation

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” pg119
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 dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things, far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge of show,
and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Communion Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Elder Jayne Bruno
Congregation

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.

Partaking of Communion
Music During Communion

Regina Kellogg

CELEBRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

Offering Moment

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Hymn

Congregation

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates” pg129 vs1,3,4
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!
Behold, the glorious ruler waits.
The Sovereign One is drawing near;

The Savior of the world is here.

Redeemer, come! We open wide
Our hearts to you; here, Christ, abide!
Let us your inner presence feel,
Your grace and love in us reveal.

So come our Sovereign enter in
Let new and nobler life begin.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on,
Until the glorious crown be won.

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

Postlude

Regina Kellogg

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY
PLEASE TAKE ONE**

*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
More information about NOCC and the Disciples of Christ is available via Facebook & these websites:
www.nocckc.org www.kcdisciples.org www.disciples.org
Contact Pastor Mark Willis at 816-616-9746 pastor@nocckc.org

Our Life Together

Congregational Meeting

All members are asked to stay after worship on Sunday, December 11th for the Annual Congregational Meeting. We will be reviewing and voting on the budget for 2023, as well as new Elders and Board members.

Backpack Ministry Updates for the Upcoming Holidays

Thank you to the November Backpack Ministry team of Tom Hawley and Bob Lewis, the grocery delivery people; to Linda Daniels and Babs Krueger for packing food for Bell Prairie

families, and to Linda for delivering the food to Bell Prairie each week. And gratitude to all who made contributions to purchase Sun Fresh gift cards for those same 10 families for their Thanksgiving break.

If you would like to learn more about the Backpack Ministry, please contact Terry Becker, tennisterry40love@gmail.com or 816-516-5085.

Christmas adoptions information:

For Christmas, NOCC will once again “adopt” 10 Bell Prairie children by providing wrapped gifts, items that children will have requested. Details coming soon! Want to learn more or volunteer? Contact Terry Becker: 816-516-5085 or tennisterry40love@gmail.com

NOCC Choir – CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Cantata will be Sunday, December 11th at 2:00PM here at NOCC. We will perform with the choir from North Kansas City Christian Church. Make plans to attend and enhance your Advent season with beautiful music, worship, and fellowship. If you have questions, email Regina at reginakaye1971@gmail.com

Family Promise

NOCC, along with other churches, provides food, clothing and assistance every month for the folks who come to Family Promise. Family Promise's core program is to provide dignity to unhoused and housing insecure individuals. Family Promise in the Northland serves 20-25 individuals weekly. North Oak Christian Church volunteers assist with meal preparation, clothing donations, laundry assistance, cleaning showers, and meal service. If you want to volunteer or donate, contact Debbie at thompsod5000@att.net

Cherith Brook

CHERITH BROOK honeybees are busy all summer supporting the work of this special organization by providing wonderful honey. Using volunteers Rev. Eric Garbison directs the harvest and asks supporters and friends to donate \$10 for one or more jars to help CB. They are available for the next few Sundays from Dale Herrick. Check or cash and for special orders see Dale. Thanks from CB and their Bees.

Jubilation Bell Choir

The Jubilation Ringers meet to practice on Sundays after church for an hour. Come learn how to ring! If you can count to 4, hold two bells, and find your notes on the music, then you are a good candidate for our musical team! For questions, please feel free to reach out to the current ringers or email or call Stacey at: 816-519-5132 or confetti817@gmail.com

Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class

Sojourners class is meeting at 9:00am on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship room. All are welcome. The class is reading and discussing “Do I Stay Christian?” by Brian McClaren.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:45. We discuss scripture and relevant topics together via Zoom. Starting this Tuesday, we will be reading and discussing the Narrative Lectionary ([narrative_lectionary_matthew_2022-23.pdf \(workingpreacher.org\)](https://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative_lectionary_matthew_2022-23.pdf)) which Pastor Mark will be using to shape worship each week. All men are welcome. Email David Nelson at humanagenda@gmail.com for the Zoom link and join in!

Daytime Women's Bible Study

The women's daytime Bible study group is studying the book "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" by Lysa Terkeurst. The study meets at the Fillingham's home on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 12:30. Everyone is invited! If you are interested in joining this caring group, you can contact Carolyn Fillingham at ccfillingham@gmail.com or 816-289-7858.

Evening Women's Bible Study

The Evening Women's Bible Study meets at Babs Krueger's home, 10117 N Park Ave in Staley Farms at 6:45-8:00 the first & third Tuesday evenings of each month. The group is studying "Following The Call, Living the Sermon on the Mount". All are welcome. For more info, contact Jayne Bruno at jaynesuebruno@gmail.com