

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

December 11th 2022 - The Third Sunday of Advent
Worship Leader-Terry Becker, Elder Jayne Bruno, Elder Jill Rodgers,
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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CELEBRATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Ukranian Bell Choir" Jubilation Bell Choir

ADVENT CANDLE DEVOTION Tice Family

ADVENT RESPONSE Congregation

"One Candle is Lit" pg128 vs 3
Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth
Join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.
One candle is lit for the joy of these days.

Invocation Terry Becker

Opening Hymn Congregation

"We Have Heard a Joyful Sound" pg479 vs1,2,4
We have heard a joyful sound,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Spread the gladness all around,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Bear the news to ev'ry land,
Climb the steepes and cross the waves,
Onward, 'tis our Lord's command,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Waft it on the rolling tide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Tell to sinners, far and wide,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Sing, ye islands of the sea,
Echo back, ye ocean caves,
Earth shall keep the jubilee,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.

Give the winds a mighty voice,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;
Let the nations now rejoice,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves;

**Shout salvation full and free,
Highest hills and deepest caves,
This our song of victory,
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4

Terry Becker

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Mark Willis

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

Sermon Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:5-9

Terry Becker

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Message

“That is Your Job”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music **"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear "** **Jubilation Bel 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**

"Spirit Song" pg352
Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With his Spirit and his love
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh, let him have the things that hold you
And his Spirit, like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness
Give him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

Communion Prayer **Elder Jayne Bruno**
The Lord's Prayer **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**

**“God of Grace and God of Glory” p464 vs1,4,5
God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church’s story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Set our feet on lofty places;
fill our lives that we may be
strengthened with all Christ-like graces
pledges to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we fail our call from thee,
lest we fail our call from thee.**

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

Postlude

Regina Kellogg

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TODAY – Christmas Cantata here at 2:00PM

December 14th – Pre-School Christmas Program here at 3:00PM

December 21st – Longest Night Service here at 7:00PM

December 24th – Christmas Eve Service here at 5:00PM

*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 TODAY for the Annual Congregational Meeting. We will be reviewing and voting on the budget for 2023, as well as new Elders and Board members.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Cantata will be TODAY, December 11th at 2:00PM here at NOCC. The North Oak CC Choir 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. There will be fellowship time after with refreshments.

Longest Night Service

Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00PM NOCC will have a Longest Night Worship Service. This service is designed to recognize some people struggle during the holidays due to grief and loss. This service provides space to be sad, to grieve, and to remember during the Christmas season. If you know someone who might be touched by this service, invite them to come.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Saturday, December 24th at 5:00PM NOCC will celebrate with a candlelight Christmas Eve service. All are invited and encouraged to make this service a part of your Christmas celebrations. We will have musical selections by the NOCC Choir and the Jubilation Bell Choir in a service full of Word and song. Invite family and friends and come worship as we celebrate the coming of the Christ-child.

Backpack Ministry Updates

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.

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 thomsod5000@att.net

Cherith Brook

Thanks to everyone at NOCC who supported the Bees and Cherith Brook (CB) by purchasing the Raw Honey. Together we raised \$350 to support the work of our volunteer friends who are there all year-round to provide guests showers, a hot meal, laundry services and replacement clothing. Many find this program as a safe harbor to rest and restore their bodies and spirit.

NOCC for the past few years has been a major source of support for clothing and funds to help cover the costs of operations. The Tuesday Women's Bible Group are providing 20 new sleeping bags to be a major part of the CB season's gift giving to guests.

If you want to learn more about Cherith Brook and how you can be involved, please talk with Dale Herrick at drherrick03@gmail.com

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. We are currently 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