

# **NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

December 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Worship Leader-Jayne Bruno, Elder Jill Rodgers, Elder Jayne Bruno,  
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Regina Kellogg</b>
<b>ADVENT CANDLE DEVOTION</b>	<b>Willis/Sander Family</b>
<b>ADVENT RESPONSE</b>	<b>Congregation</b>

**"One Candle is Lit" pg128 vs 4**  
**Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play**  
**Where evil is banished and faith takes the day**  
**A babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes**  
**One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.**

<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Jayne Bruno</b>
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<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
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**"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" pg 5**  
**O for a thousand tongues to sing**  
**my great Redeemer's praise,**  
**the glories of my God and King,**  
**the triumphs of God's grace!**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears,**  
**that bids our sorrows cease;**  
**'tis music in the sinner's ears,**  
**'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**My loving Savior and my God,**  
**assist me to proclaim**  
**to spread through all the earth abroad**  
**the honors of thy name.**

**Glory to God and praise and love**  
**be ever, ever given**  
**by saints below and saints above,**  
**the Church in earth and heaven.**

<b>Scripture Reading: Psalm 23:1-4</b>	<b>Jayne Bruno</b>
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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

### **Prayers of the People**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

*(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or emailing [pastor@nocckc.org](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org))*

### **Sermon Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25**

**Jayne Bruno**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Message**

**"God With Us"**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Special Music**

**"The First Noel"**

**Staley High School Choral Ensemble**

### **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**

**"In This Very Room" pg295**

**In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me,  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for one like me;  
And there's quite enough hope  
And quite enough power  
To chase away any gloom  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus**

Is in this very room

In this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us  
And there's quite enough hope  
And quite enough power  
To chase away any gloom  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus  
Is in this very room

In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world  
And there's quite enough hope  
And quite enough power  
To chase away any gloom  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus  
Is in this very room

Communion Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

Elder Jill Rodgers  
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

"Here I Am, Lord" p452  
I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

Postlude

“Shalom”

Staley High School Choral Ensemble

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**December 21<sup>st</sup> – Longest Night Service here at 7:00PM**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service here at 5:00 PM**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> – Worship here at 10:15 AM**

*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](http://www.nocckc.org) [www.kcdisciples.org](http://www.kcdisciples.org) [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

Contact Pastor Mark Willis at 816-616-9746 [pastor@nocckc.org](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org)

## **Our Life Together**

### **Longest Night Service**

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 [thompsod5000@att.net](mailto:thompsod5000@att.net)

### **Cherith Brook**

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](mailto:drherrick03@gmail.com)

### **Jubilation Ringers**

The Jubilation Ringers handbell choir 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](mailto:confetti817@gmail.com)

### **Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class**

Sojourners class will NOT be meeting the next two Sundays, December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. They will reconvene on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jaynesuebruno@gmail.com)