

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

December 25th 2022 – Christmas Day

Worship Leader-Ramie Beck, Elder Jayne Bruno, Elder Mel Adams

Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Ramie Beck

Call to Worship

Ramie Beck

Leader: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,

People: Which shall be for all people.

L: For unto you is born this day in “the city of David a Saviour,

P: Who is Christ the Lord.

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

P: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon us.

L: Glory to God in the highest heaven

P: And on earth peace among those whom he favors!

(from Luke 2)

Songs of Praise

Congregation

"Joy to the World" pg 143

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ;

while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

and makes the nations prove

the glories of his righteousness

and wonders of his love,

and wonders of his love,

and wonders, wonders of his love.

“O Come All Ye Faithful” pg148 vs1,2,4

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Ramie Beck

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Songs of Joy

Congregation

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” pg153 vs1,4

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all
from heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years,
shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

“Angels We Have Heard on High” pg 155 vs1,2,4

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

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See within a manger laid,
Christ, whom choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

gloria, in excelsis Deo!

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” pg150 vs1,3

Hark! The herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born 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 new-born King!"

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark, the herald-angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Prayers of the People

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

Sermon Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Rev. Mark Willis

Ramie Beck

Message

“The Baby was God!!”

Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music

Regina Kellogg

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

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” pg163

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle-stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing,
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new;
saw the glory, heard the story--
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you,
Christ the babe was born for you.

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

“Go! Tell it on the Mountain” p167

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

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens,
there shone a holy light.
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth
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. Mark Willis

**Postlude
Kellogg**

Regina

*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

Movies and Munchies

Ann and David Nelson will again host this event the first Thursday—January 5th @ 6 p.m. at their home. Please view the movie, THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (a novel by John Irving) (Netflix) before coming. Bring your own drink and a snack to share. Limited seating. Vaccinated guests can RSVP at 816.896.3835 or humanagenda@gmail.com.

Backpack Ministry Updates

On behalf of Bell Prairie families we serve, thank you to the December backpacking team. Jill and Larry Rodgers picked up and stored the month's groceries from Sun Fresh then packed the food for December deliveries. Bob Bruno fetched the donated loaves of bread from Sun Fresh then delivered those and the food to Bell Prairie each Wednesday. Because of the generosity of NOCC's friends and members, Sun Fresh gift cards will be provided for the holiday break for 12 families. And thank you to Santa's elves Laraine Walters, Alma Irwin, and Cindy Rose for organizing the Christmas adoptions of 9 Bell Prairie children. The 45 gifts donated and wrapped by friends and members of NOCC were delivered Thursday, December 15. The true Christmas spirit lies in our hearts; indeed, NOCC's hearts are huge.

If you would like to learn more about the Backpack Ministry, please contact Terry Becker, tennisterry4olove@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

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 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

Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class

Sojourners class will NOT be meeting the next two Sundays, December 25th and January 1st. They will reconvene on January 8th 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 \(workingpreacher.org\)](#)) 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