

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

January 21, 2024 – Third Sunday After the Epiphany
Worship Leader- Linda Daniels, Elder- Amy Hearst, Elder- Linda Daniels,
Music- Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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GATHER IN WORSHIP

Prelude Regina Kellogg

Invocation Linda Daniels

Call to Worship Linda Daniels

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

Many: His faithful loves endures forever!

One: The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.

Many: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous to see!

One: This is the day the Lord has made!

Many: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Songs Congregation

"He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS #2270

"What a Mighty God We Serve" TFWS #2021

"Honor and Praise" TFWS #2018

Children's Church is provided for all children. Children may leave worship now and go to Early Childhood Education (first door on left down hall)

Prayers of the People Rev. Mark Willis
(Please make your requests & praises known by sharing aloud or emailing pastor@nocckc.org)

Prayer Response Congregation

"Come and Fill Our Hearts" TFWS #2157

Sermon Scripture Reading: Mark 5:1-20 Linda Daniels

They came to the other side of the lake, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do

Offering Prayer

Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Hymn

Congregation

“The Family Prayer Song” TFWS #2188

Benediction

Rev. Mark Willis

Postlude

Regina Kellogg

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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www.nocckc.org www.kcdisciples.org www.disciples.org

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Our Life Together

Preschool Reading Time

Many of you have seen the pictures and stories of Pastor Mark reading to the Preschool children on Wednesdays. It is quite literally the best part of his week. Cindy O'Hara has set up an additional reading time with the Preschool for YOU to come read a book or two on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. The sign-up sheet is on the office window. Sign up for a Monday and come see what the excitement is all about!

Movie and Munchies

Movies and Munchies will be on Thursday, February 1, at 6:00 p.m. The film this month is “Bank of Dave” and it can be found on Netflix. The film is based on the real-life experiences of Dave Fishwick, a Burnley working class man and self-made millionaire, who struggles to set up a community bank to help the town's local businesses to thrive. To do so, he must battle London's elite financial institutions and compete for the first banking license in over 150 years. Please RSVP at humanagenda@gmail.com if you can come.

Social Justice Seekers

The SJS will not meet for the monthly Zoom meeting in January. SJS leadership will be using this time for planning and preparation. Watch for more information about when the next meeting will occur. In case you missed it, here is the new link to the Zoom meeting room for Social Justice Seekers: Meetings are now accessed at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6361322700?pwd=dmZ5ZGRic2dla3VHWWXVSOEg2V1NqZz09&omn=87071570030> and all are welcome.

Backpack Ministry Updates

It's never too late to volunteer for the Backpack Ministry. Schedules are flexible, so there's definitely one that would work for your schedule. For more information, contact Terry Becker, tennisterry40love@gmail.com.

Family Promise

Homelessness becomes more difficult with colder weather and rainy days. Donations of winter coats, warm hats and gloves, socks, and blankets are vital for enduring the frigid temperatures. Family Promise (located at 4406 NE 45 Terrace, Kansas City, MO, 64117), provides temporary shelter, a hot meal, a hot shower, clothing, hygiene supplies and laundry services for transient and unhoused people in KC. Contact Debbie Herrick (816.510.6859) or email (thomsod5000@att.net) for info about meal preparation, collecting and delivering clothing/food donations and volunteering on any Thursday! Choose a day in the center or take a van ride to multiple locations to serve meals! Pick which Thursday to help!

Cherith Brook

Cherith Brook provides guests' showers, a hot meal, laundry services and replacement clothing to transient, un-housed people in Kansas City. Many unhoused guests find this program a safe harbor to rest and restore their bodies and spirits. NOCC provides donations of clothing and other items, as well as volunteering. To help, contact Dale Herrick for more information at drherrick03@gmail.com

Sojourners Adult Sunday School Class

To “sojourn” is to “stay someplace for a short time.” We invite you to bring your favorite cup of tea or coffee and join us for shared ideas and conversation. Bring an article, poem, or other interesting writing to share and discuss. This class meets from 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Sunday and is open to all.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. We discuss scripture and relevant topics together via Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing the Narrative Lectionary's 2023-24 Readings for Year 2 (https://www.workingpreacher.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/WP-Narrative-Lectionary-2023-24-Mark_rev.pdf) that Pastor Mark will be using to shape worship each week. All those who identify as male are welcome. Email David Nelson at humanagenda@gmail.com for the Zoom link and join in!