

NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

In the grace of God, we embrace unity, we celebrate diversity and demonstrate Christ's love.

November 3, 2024 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader-Dale Herrick, Elder-Linda Daniels, Elder-Tom Hawley,

Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

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COME TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Invocation

Dale Herrick

Call to Worship

Dale Herrick

One: God of justice and compassion, God of Republicans and Democrats and Independents, God of the poor and the 1% and the middle class, in the heat of this election year, in the midst of meanness and deception,

Many: May our words be kind and true.

One: In the midst of loud speeches and harsh accusations,

Many: May we listen well and try to understand.

One: May those who follow Jesus do the work of Jesus: Breaking down the dividing walls

Many: Speaking the truth in love

One: Meeting together in the face of disagreements.

Many: Holy, loving God, have mercy on your children. Amen

Opening Songs

Congregation

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Chalice Hymnal #5 (All)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Chalice Hymnal #25 vs 1,2,5

“Blessed Assurance” Chalice Hymnal #543 (All)

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

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” Chalice Hymnal #305

Praise you, praise you, let my life praise you.

Praise you, praise you, let my life, O Lord, praise you.

Sermon Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

Dale Herrick

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Message **“I Forget Who I Am Sometimes”** **Rev. Mark Willis**

Special Music **“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”** **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**
“One Bread, One Body” Chalice Hymnal #393 (All)

Communion Prayer **Elder-Linda Daniels**
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

Mission Moment **Family Promise** **Friends from FP**

Offering	Congregation
Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe or offering in the plate, or you can give online through nocckc.org.	
Offering Prayer	Rev. Mark Willis
Closing Song	Congregation
“They’ll Know We are Christians” Chalice Hymnal #494 (All)	
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**

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

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Our Life Together

NOCC 50th Anniversary Party Planning

Planning is starting now in anticipation of NOCC's landmark 50th Anniversary on June 8, 2025! If you are interested in participating in the planning and execution of this momentous occasion, please contact Corrie Tice at corriegravestice@gmail.com.

NOCC Choir!

Come make a joyful noise! The choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you enjoy good music during worship, if you want to bellow out praise to God, or even if you are a just a virtuoso in the shower each morning, there is place in the choir for you. The only requirement for singing in the choir is a desire to praise God and a willingness to make a joyful noise. Questions? Email Regina at reginakaye1971@gmail.com

Movie and Munchies in November

Movies and Munchies will be on November 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Nelsons' home. All are welcome to join in. Watch the movie “Captain Fantastic,” a 2016 American comedy-drama prior to attending. Bring your own drinks of choice, food to share, and wisdom to spread. RSVP if you can come to Ann and David Nelson 816.896.3835 or humanagenda@gmail.com

Prayer Requests

Jayne Bruno is coordinating and disseminating prayer requests via email. If you would like to make a prayer request, send it to Jayne at prayers@nocckc.org, and it will then go out to the congregation (unless privacy is requested).

Backpack Ministry Updates

'Tis the season—or seasonS! Currently, NOCC provides a weekly meal for nine Bell Prairie Elementary school families. For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will provide Aldi gift cards to help over the holidays. To contribute to this ministry, make your donation to "NOCC" and indicate "gift cards" in the memo or on the envelope.

In late November, we will “adopt” seven Bell Prairie children by providing five gifts per child for Christmas.

More information will be provided as the dates near.

If you would like to volunteer for the Backpack Ministry, times are flexible and can meet your schedule. Contact Terry Becker for questions and more information:
tennisterry40love@gmail.com

Family Promise

Give the gift of time: volunteer on November 21, 2024, to serve at Family Promise. The ability to provide guests with basic human needs such as food and clothing is vital for their survival. Whether it's kitchen duties, serving meals, assisting in clothes donations, sorting food, laundry and cleaning, the promise to you is: your gift of time and loving aid will have a significant effect on the lives of others.

Family Promise of the Northland (located at 4406 NE 45 Terrace, Kansas City, MO, 64117), provides temporary shelter and services for transient and unhoused people in the Northland and Kansas City area. The Center is open on Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Debbie Herrick (816.510.6859) or email (thompsod5000@att.net) for more information.

Cherith Brook

Cherith Brook provides its guests with showers, a hot meal, laundry services and replacement clothing. 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 a short time. We meet every Sunday from 9-10 a.m. to have moral and spiritual discourse. We invite you to bring your favorite cup of tea or coffee and join us for shared ideas and conversation. At North Oak Christian Church we are welcoming to all members of the human family and celebrate the delightful diversity of God's creation. We are currently conversing about "Indigenous People Day" and the "Doctrine of Discovery." You are invited to join in and to suggest a current topic or issue for discussion.

Women's Daytime Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Terry Becker's home, 9430 N Bradford Ave. All are welcome. Please let Jayne Bruno (jaynesuebruno@gmail.com) or Terry Becker (tennisterry40love@gmail.com) know if you would like to join the group as they begin a new study from “Just Women,” a Disciples' publication. This year's study is “Through the Looking Glass: Seeing the World Through the Eyes of Faith.”

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 following the Narrative Lectionary which can be found at:
<https://www.workingpreacher.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WP-Narrative-Lectionary-2024-25-Luke.pdf>.
All those who identify as male are welcome. Email David Nelson at humanagenda@gmail.com
for the Zoom link and join in!