

# NORTH OAK CHRISTIAN CHURCH-DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

*In the grace of God, we embrace unity, we celebrate diversity  
and demonstrate Christ's love as an open and affirming faith community.*

January 19, 2025 – Second Sunday After the Epiphany  
Worship Leader-David Nelson, Elder-Tom Hawley, Elder-Linda Daniels,  
Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

## Gather to Worship

**Prelude**

**Regina Kellogg**

**Invocation**

**David Nelson**

**Call to Worship**

**David Nelson**

One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

**Many: The Spirit of the Lord is in us.**

One: Anointing us,

**Many: Sending us.**

One: To bring good news

**Many: To bind up**

One: To proclaim favor

**Many: To comfort**

One: To provide

**Many: To loosen.**

One: The day of the Lord is coming.

**Many: The day of the Lord has come.**

*(Based on Luke 4 and Isaiah 61, re-worship.blogspot.com/)*

**Songs of Praise**

**Congregation**

**“Christians We Have Met to Worship” Chalice Hymnal #277 (All)**

**“Blessed Be the God of Israel” Chalice Hymnal #135 (All)**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-20**

**David Nelson**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

**Songs of Adoration**

**Congregation**

**“Once In David’s Royal City” Chalice Hymnal #165 (All)**

**“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” Chalice Hymnal #461 vs 1,2,3**

***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)*

**People’s Response**

**Congregation**

**“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” Chalice Hymnal #5 vs 2**

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.

**Scripture Reading: Luke 4:21-30**

**David Nelson**

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

**Message**

**“A Fickle Faith”**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Special Music**

**“Balm in Gilead”**

**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 Song**

**Congregation**

**“Take Our Bread” Chalice Hymnal #413 (All)**

**Communion Prayer**

**Elder-Tom Hawley**

**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**

**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**

**"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" Chalice Hymnal #684 (All)**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Mark Willis**

**Postlude**

**Regina Kellogg**

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**TO OUR GUESTS---WELCOME!**

**SHAPED BY GOD'S WORD AND GRACED AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

**WE WALK HUMBLLY, 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)**

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**Our Life Together**

**Culver's Appreciation Lunch**

Our community partners from Culver's provided free meals for all our families that we serve from Bell Prairie Elementary school over both Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. Come to lunch next Sunday, January 26, after church at Culver's as we go over to eat together and say, "Thank You!" In the event of the Chiefs playing at noon on that Sunday, we will go for dinner after the game instead.

**Soup-Er Bowl Potluck**

Sunday, February 9, 2025, after worship, we will have a SOUP-er potluck lunch. All are invited to come, bring food to share, and join in a warm, delicious meal together. Sign up with Ellen Lewis to bring a soup, side, or dessert. Invite friends and family for a good meal and fun fellowship.

### **Blessing and Commissioning of Elders and Board**

During the worship service on Sunday, January 26, 2025, we will recognize and commission our elders and board members for their service this year. If you are an elder or board member, please plan on attending.

### **NOCC 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Movies and Munchies**

"Movies and Munchies" will be on Thursday, February 6, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at David and Ann Nelson's home. They provide the space; you provide your own drinks and munchies to share. Munchies are from 6-7 and then there is a conversation about the movie from 7-8. The movie for discussion in February is "Six Triple Eight", a story based on a true event. (The movie can be found on Netflix). Please watch the movie prior to attending, and please RSVP to David Nelson at humanagenda@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

### **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**

As of December 15, with all bills paid, the balance in the Backpack Ministry account is \$3098.89! Yes, generosity abounds! 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 by volunteering to serve at Family Promise of the Northland, located at 4406 NE 45th Terrace, Kansas City, MO, 64117. Family Promise provides temporary shelter and services for transient and unhoused people in the Northland and Kansas City area. 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 this: your gift of time and loving aid will have a significant impact on the lives of others.

The Center is open on Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Contact Debbie Herrick (816.510.6859) or email (thomsod5000@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. Items in need now: sleeping bags, summer sausages, bike locks, nice gloves, hand warmers, winter coats, winter socks, tarps, bike toolkits, and men's pants (especially size 30-34). 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. 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. You are invited to join in and to suggest a current topic or issue for discussion.

### **Women's Daytime Bible Study**

The Daytime Women's Bible Study group is on hiatus until April. We will meet from 2:00-3:30 on the first Tuesdays, April-December 2025, at Ann Nelson's home. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jayne Bruno (jaynesuebruno@gmail.com) now to learn about our study, "Awakened: A 52-Week Progressive Christian Devotional" by Caleb J. Lines (Chalice Press). See you in April!

### **Monthly Men's Breakfast at Kate's Kitchen**

On the first Saturday of every month, all those who identify as male, are invited to a men's breakfast at Kate's Kitchen, 8002 North Oak Trafficway, at 7:45 a.m. This gathering is for fellowship and connection as we begin our Saturday together with some good food and good friends.

### **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!