

# 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 26, 2025 – Third Sunday After the Epiphany  
Worship Leader-Ramie Beck, Elder-Susan Arnot, Elder-Tim Brooks,  
Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

## Gather to Worship

**Prelude** Regina Kellogg

**Invocation** Ramie Beck

**Call to Worship** Ramie Beck

One: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

**Many: Jesus calls us to worship.**

One: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

**Many: Jesus calls us to love.**

One: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

**Many: Jesus calls us to justice.**

One: Let us heed the call of Christ.

**Many: Let us worship together with joy.**

*(Based on Luke 5:1-11, re-worship.blogspot.com/)*

**Songs of Praise** Congregation

“O God Beyond All Praising” TFWS #2009 (All)

“Honor and Praise” TFWS #2018 (All)

## Blessing and Commissioning of Elders and Board for 2025

**Romans 12:1-13** Rev. Mark Willis

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

### **Statement of Purpose**

### **Commissioning of Elders**

### **Commissioning of Board Members**

### **Prayer of Blessing**

### **Songs of Adoration**

### **Congregation**

**“Thou Art Worthy” TFWS #2041 (All)**

**“Two Fishermen” TFWS #2101 (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](mailto:pastor@nocckc.org))*

### **People’s Response**

### **Congregation**

**“Bless the Lord” TFWS #2013**

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

### **Scripture Reading: Luke 5:1-11**

### **Ramie Beck**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Message	“One Fish, Two Fish, Me Fish, You Fish”	Rev. Mark Willis
Special Music	“Sweet By and By”	Jubilation Ringers

**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
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Communion Song	Congregation
“Broken for Me” TFWS #2263 (All)	

Communion Prayer	Elder-Susan Arnot
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
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Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe or offering in the plate, or you can give online through [nocckc.org](http://nocckc.org).

Offering Prayer	Rev. Mark Willis
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Closing Song	Congregation
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS #2129 (All)	

Benediction	Rev. Mark Willis
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Postlude	Regina Kellogg
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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)

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## **Our Life Together**

### **Culver's Appreciation Lunch**

Our community partners from Culver's provided free meals for all the families we serve from Bell Prairie Elementary school over both Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. Come to lunch TODAY, January 26, after church at Culver's as we go over to eat together and say, "Thank You!"

### **SOUP-ER Bowl Potluck**

After worship on Sunday, February 9, 2025, 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 and invite friends and family for a good meal and fun fellowship.

### **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 the home of David and Ann Nelson. 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**

Thank you to Jill and Larry Rodgers for packing food during January and to Bob Bruno for delivering it to Bell Prairie each week – except for one icy Wednesday. At the end of January, the balance in the account was \$3337.30, which will pay for the grocery order for February and March as well as for gift cards for Spring Break.

NOCC's dedication to helping our neighbors never wavers.

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 (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. 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 at 7:45 a.m., all those who identify as male, are invited to a men’s breakfast at Kate’s Kitchen, 8002 North Oak Trafficway. 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!