

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.*

November 2, 2025 – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
Worship Leader-Tom Hawley, Elder-Linda Daniels, Elder-Laraine Walters,
Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

Gather to Worship

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Call to Worship: John 12:27-28

Tom Hawley

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

Invocation

Tom Hawley

Songs of Praise

Congregation

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

“Honor and Praise” TFWS #2018 (All)

Scripture Reading: I Kings 19:1-10

Tom Hawley

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

Song of Adoration

Congregation

“Lord God, Almighty” TFWS #2006 (All)

Prayers of the People**Rev. Mark Willis**

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

“People's Response**Congregation****Only a Holy God”**

Come and behold him, the One and the Only.

Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God; come and worship the Holy God.

Scripture Reading: I Kings 19:11-14**Tom Hawley**

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

Message**“Keep Going”****Rev. Mark Willis****Special Music****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****“Come to the Table” TFWS #2264 (All)****Communion Prayer****Elder-Linda Daniels****The Lord’s Prayer****Congregation**

Our Creator, 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
“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name” TFWS #2184 (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

Church Conversations

Board Moderator Corrie, Vice-Moderator Amy, and Pastor Mark would like to invite everyone who participates in the ministry and mission of North Oak CC to a time of conversation about the future of this faith community. All are encouraged and welcome to join in these talks. The final scheduled conversation is today after worship.

Fellowship Sunday Snacks

On the first Sunday of each month, we pause after worship to take some time to just be together. These fellowship times work better with snacks! Volunteers provide simple snacks or treats for after worship on the first Sunday, so we can stay and see each other. If you would like to bring snacks for a First Sunday Fellowship, you can sign up below. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4AA4A62AA0FC1-54977434-sunday/179400945#/>

Movie and Munchies

Movie and Munchies will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at the home of David and Ann Nelson. The movie for discussion is “The Candidate” starring Robert Redford. The film follows Bill McKay, a candidate for the U.S. Senate from California with no hope of winning, so he is willing to tweak the establishment. Please watch the film PRIOR to attending. Please RSVP to humanagenda@gmail.com to participate. All are welcome! Bring an appetizer/snack food to share and whatever you wish to drink.

Good Shepherd UMC Justice Ministry Event

The Justice Ministry Team at Good Shepherd UMC (96th and Oak Trafficway) is conducting their Fall event, “Grace Filled Conversations: Understanding and Supporting Our Transgender Neighbors,” on Saturday,

November 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The event will feature a panel of people who are transgender, parents of transgender teens, panelists who love and care for transgender folks, and others who champion the LGBTQ+ community. Together we'll share stories, bust myths, and celebrate the many ways God's grace shows up in the lives of all people. Come curious, leave inspired! Register here
<https://goodshepherdkc.churchcenter.com/calendar/event/200224400>

REZOUND! Handbell Concert

The REZOUND! Handbell Choir will be in concert on December 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 1104 NE Vivion Rd., Kansas City, MO, 64118. There will be a love offering. We would love to get a group from NOCC to go, as REZOUND will be doing a concert HERE in December 2026! If interested, let Pastor Mark know at pastor@nocckc.org

Backpack Ministry Updates

As of mid-October, NOCC's Backpack Ministry is providing weekly meals for 8 families at Bell Prairie Elementary--22 adults and 35 children. In November, with funds already available to purchase them, NOCC will provide Aldi gift cards for these families to use for the Thanksgiving break.

In October, Ramie Beck, Linda Daniels, Laraine Walters, and Terry Becker shopped for food, packed it, and/or delivered bags to Bell Prairie. On behalf of the neighbors we help, thank you! Gratitude as well to those who pray for this outreach ministry and support it financially. NOCC is devoted in multiple ways to serving others. Praise God!

Cherith Brook

As you go through your fall and winter clothing, please consider sharing items that you no longer need. Warm jeans, pants, sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets/coats are always appreciated. Long underwear is a luxury. Stocking caps, warm gloves, heavy socks, and boots are needed. Ground tarps/tarpettes, sleeping bags and backpacks are always important.

Thanks to all for your consideration. Place your donations in the donation containers at NOCC.

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. The first Sunday each month is led by Pastor Linda Miller, and the last Sunday each month is led by Pastor Mark Willis. 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 Bible Study

If you would like to join in the daytime women's Bible study next year starting in April, there is room for you here! The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month, April-December, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the home of Ann Nelson. The book chosen for next year's study is "12 Daring Women of the Bible."

If you would like to explore the book, go to this Amazon link to see and read samples from the book:

<https://www.amazon.com/Daring-Women-Bible-Study-Streaming/dp/0310170699>

To join in next April, let Terry know NOW that you want to order a book. She will order all the books together by December 2025 and then be reimbursed by each person. For more information or to join, please contact tennisterry40love@gmail.com.

Monthly Men's Breakfast at Kate's Kitchen

All those who identify as male are invited to a men's breakfast at Kate's Kitchen, 8002 North Oak Trafficway, on the first Saturday of every month at 7:45 a.m. This gathering is for fellowship and

connection as we begin our Saturday together with good food and good friends.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. All those who identify as male are welcome to participate. 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/2025/02/WP-Narrative-Lectionary-2025-26-John.pdf>. All those who identify as male are welcome. Email Pastor Mark at markswillis@gmail.com for the link.