## 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 9, 2025 – Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost Worship Leader-Linda Tyree, Elder-Laraine Walters, Elder-Linda Daniels, Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Mark Willis

### **Gather to Worship**

Prelude "Gather Us In" Jubilation Ringers

Flute: Lee-Ann Semsch

Call to Worship: John 7:37-38

**Linda Tyree** 

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Invocation Linda Tyree

Songs of Praise Congregation

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS #2088 (All)
"The Lily of the Valley" TFWS #2062 (All)

#### Scripture Reading: Amos 1:1-2

**Linda Tyree** 

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. And he said: The Lord roars from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

Song of Adoration Congregation

"All I Need is You" TFWS #2080 (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: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

**Linda Tyree** 

Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. I hate, I despise your festivals, and I

take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Message "Water Gets Everywhere" Rev. Mark Willis

Special Music "One Great Spirit" 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 <u>all</u> 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 Share the Lord" TFWS #2269 (All)

Communion Prayer Elder-Tom Hawley
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 nockc.org.

Offering Prayer Rev. Mark Willis

Closing Song Congregation

"Song of Hope" TFWS #2186 (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 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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## **The Journey Together**

#### **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**

Backpack Ministry is providing weekly meals for 9 families at Bell Prairie Elementary. 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

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#### 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.