

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 23, 2025 – Christ the King Sunday
Worship Leader-Jill Beck, Elder-Laraine Walters, Elder-Linda Daniels,
Music-Regina Kellogg, Minister-Rev. Linda Miller

Thanksgiving Sunday!

Prelude

Regina Kellogg

Call to Worship: I John 14:27

Jill Beck

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Invocation

Jill Beck

Songs of Praise

Congregation

“Now Thank We All Our God” Chalice Hymnal #715 (All)

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” Chalice Hymnal #718 (All)

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:33-43

Jill Beck

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the leaders even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” There was also an inscription above him, which read: “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept throwing insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Song of Adoration

Congregation

“For the Beauty of the Earth” Chalice Hymnal #56 (All)

Prayers of the People

Rev. Linda Miller

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

“People's Response

“Thanksgiving Prayer”

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Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Jill Beck

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all those whom I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters. Find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there, and do not decrease. Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that you dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name. I have not sent them."

This is what the Lord says: "Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile."

Message	"Bloom Where You Are Planted"	Rev. Linda Miller
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Special Music	"Glory to God in the Highest"	NOCC Choir
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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. Linda Miller
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Communion Song	Congregation
"Give Thanks" Chalice Hymnal #528 (All)	

Communion Prayer	Elder-Laraine Walters
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
<i>Elders will pass the offering plates. Place your tithe or offering in the plate,</i>	

or you can give online through nocckc.org.

Offering Prayer

Rev. Linda Miller

Closing Song

Congregation

“Thank You, Lord” Chalice Hymnal #531 (All)

Benediction

Rev. Linda Miller

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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The Journey Together

Movie and Munchies

Movie and Munchies will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at the home of David and Ann Nelson. The movie for discussion is the original (1947) “Miracle on 34th Street.” Please watch the film PRIOR to attending and RSVP to humanagenda@gmail.com to participate. All are welcome! Bring an appetizer/snack food to share and whatever you wish to drink.

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 Christmas Gifts

NOCC can help make Christmas so very special for 10 children at Bell Prairie Elementary School. Each child will receive 5 gifts provided by NOCC participants. If you would like to purchase and wrap a gift for one or more of the children:

1. On Sunday, November 23, sign up with our Elf Marcia Malotte, and take a cutout paper Christmas tree(s) with a child's Christmas gift wish from the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.
2. SAVE THE PAPER TREE because you will tape it to the bottom of the wrapped gift you provide.
3. **DUE DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14** Bring wrapped gifts with the paper tree taped to the bottoms of the gifts to church.
4. Gifts will be delivered to Bell Prairie on Monday, December 15.

Your kindness in providing gifts for these children is one of the greatest gifts of all. On behalf of the families, thank you!

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Board of NOCC is calling a congregational meeting for Sunday, December 14, 2025, immediately following worship. This annual business meeting is open to all who participate in the ministry and mission of NOCC. We will be discussing nominations for Elders and Board members and our 2026 projected budget. If you participate in the worship, service, or fellowship of NOCC, please bring your voice to the discussion. Yes, we know there is a Chiefs' game at 12:30 p.m. on this day, and we will work diligently to get you home in time for it!

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.

MICAH Ministry

The MICAH Ministry at Independence Boulevard CC is in dire need of children's shoes and children's clothing, new or gently used, all ages and sizes. If you have kid's shoes, clothing, and especially boy's coats(!) you can donate, bring them to Marcia Malotte on Sunday.

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.

