

Good Morning Church!

**NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, November 29, 2020

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

**GATHERING AND WELCOME**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**WeTHRIVE COVID-19 Test Day:** WeTHRIVE is offering a free COVID-19 test day at St. Joe's, December 1, 3 – 7 PM. Tests are free for any Hamilton County resident.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Please see the order forms by the doors to order Christmas Poinsettias. Flowers are \$8 each, paid to the church. Place the order forms in the collection plates or give to Nicholas Gesell by next Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## **COME BEFORE THE LORD**

### **\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: The Lord is coming to us soon. Make ready your hearts to receive Him.

**People: We are caught up in the rush of the season. Calm us down, Lord.**

Leader: The Lord is bringing peace to you.

**People: Praise be to God who brings peace to a hectic world. Amen.**

### **\*Lighting the Advent Wreath**

**\*Singing**                      *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*    UMH #196 (v.1)

**1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

### **\*Praying Together<sup>1</sup>**

**Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. Amen.**

### **Joys & Concerns**

### **Silent & Pastoral Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

## HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

### Anthem

#### Reading the Scripture

Luke 1:67-79 NIV

1:67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

72 to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,

78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising  
sun will come to us from heaven  
79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*“God of Peace”*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**                    *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*    UMH #218 (v.1)

**1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.**

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> *From Worship Connection: November 28, 2020, by Nancy C. Townley, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com)*