

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Announcements

Frank's Tree: The Frank's Tree fundraiser will be going towards our capital improvements fund, such as future furnace replacement. Write Frank's tree on your offering envelope: \$10 a bulb - \$2,000 to fully light the tree.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: A Light has been given for us, to welcome us home.

People: Praise God for the lantern of hope and welcome.

Leader: Today open your hearts, take courage. God is with us!

People: We come this day, continuing our journey toward our true home. Amen.

***Singing**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

UMH #240 (v.1)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,

**“Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”**

**Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”**

Refrain

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord of impending Light, we rejoice in your compassion for us. You send us your light and your healing love so that we may become better representatives of you in this world which cries for justice and peace. Be with us this morning and we gather to hear your word for us. 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 2:13-15 NIV

- 2:13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
- 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”
- 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

“God of Glory”

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH #220 (v.1)

**1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o’er all the earth;
ye who sang creation’s story
now proclaim Messiah’s birth:**

Refrain

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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