

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Announcements

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 today. Money can be paid later, but the order is getting placed this week, so we need the order forms today.

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: Long ago, a voice cried out in the wilderness

People: Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight the pathways.

Leader: Something new was about to happen.

People: God would visit God's people in a new way!

Leader: Lord, open our hearts to receive this good news!

People: Prepare us to be people of great faith and compassion as we look forward to this wondrous event you have proclaimed to us. Amen.

***Singing**

Joy to the World

UMH #246 (v.1)

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, in the midst of our busy time, when we are in the rush to Christmas, you burst into our lives with the tantalizing promise of something new. Open our hearts and spirits to the glorious possibilities of hope and peace to come. Help us to prepare our lives to receive you. We thank you for all the blessings you pour on us and for the privilege we have in sharing these blessings with others. Be with us all this day and all these days that we may serve you better by helping others in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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 2:8-12 NIV

- 2:8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.
- 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.
- 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
- 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
- 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

“God of Joy”

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH #238 (v.1)

**1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

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GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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