

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Leadership Team Meeting: Our next leadership team meeting is this Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 PM.

Christmas Poinsettias: Order forms for Christmas poinsettias are in the bulletin. Please have your orders turned in by next week.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.

People: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.

Leader: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.

People: Lord, we seek your presence among us.

Leader: Look closely! God is making us ready.

People: Brighten our Spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good News. Amen.

***Singing**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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(verses 1 & 2)

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

We can hardly believe it, Lord. The Advent season is upon us. We usually translate that into the buying season in preparation for THE BIG DAY. But when we place our hope in the tinsel, wrappings, tape and boxes, we forget the most glorious gift of all, the gift of God's absolute love. Open our eyes, our hearts, our spirits today to behold God's gracious

love for us in the fulfillment of all God's promises. For we ask this in the name of Jesus. 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

Zechariah 1:1-6 (NIV)

1:1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

2 “The LORD was very angry with your ancestors.

3 Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will return to

you,' says the LORD Almighty.

4 Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.' But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the LORD.

5 Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever?

6 But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors? "Then they repented and said, 'The LORD Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.' "

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

The Prophet Zechariah and His Message

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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(v. 1, 3)

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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