

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Frank's Tree: This year, the Leadership Team has designated the Frank's Tree donations to go to support the work of Hope Stephans with the Lane of Roses ministry. Lane of Roses (LOR) is a non-profit Christian outreach ministry to students living in sorority houses on the University of Kentucky campus. This women's ministry works to connect young people to Jesus Christ by facilitating small groups of prayer, Bible study and support. Hope directs the recruitment, training and resourcing of the small group leaders in each house. Please prayerfully consider how you might donate to Frank's Tree this year. Thank you.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

People: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Leader: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

People: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things God has done.

Leader: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

People: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah! Praise be to God. Amen.

***Singing**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH #220

(verses 1 & 2)

**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.**

**2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light:**

Refrain

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

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' 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

John 1:9-18 (NIV)

- 1:9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.
- 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
- 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—
- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.
- 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has

surpassed me because he was before me.' ”)

16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

The Word

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH #234

(verses 1 & 5)

**1. O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye,
to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

**5. Child, for us sinners
poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee
with love and awe.
Who would not love thee,
loving us so dearly?**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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