

Good Morning Church!

## **NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, December 19, 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. Hope is here today to tell you more about Lane of Roses.

**Message about UMCOR:** Please see the special insert with a message from Bishop Palmer about how you can support those effected by the recent storms.

**Christmas Eve Service:** Please join us at 7pm on Friday for our Christmas Eve service.

*(Are there any other Announcements?)*

## COME BEFORE THE LORD

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

Leader: God has done great things for us!

**People: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.**

Leader: Holy is God's name!

**People: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.**

Leader: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

**People: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.**

### **\*Singing**

*Joy to the World*

UMH #246

(verses 1, 2, 4)

#### **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.**

#### **2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!**

**Let all their songs employ;**

**while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains**

**repeat the sounding joy,**

**repeat the sounding joy,**

**repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

### **\*Praying Together<sup>2</sup>**

**In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away and there is nothing left to do but wait, God, shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love on, in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you waiting to be born in due time. 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 2:1-7 (NIV)

- 2:1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.
- 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.
- 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.
- 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.
- 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,  
7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*Became Flesh*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

UMH #230

(verses 1, 3, 4)

**1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

**2. For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.**

**O morning stars together,  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth!**

**3. How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.**

**4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.**

**We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!**

## **GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

### **\*Receiving the Blessing**

### **Postlude**

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