

Good Morning Church!

## **NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday, December 5, 2021

*Because God is worthy we worship*

*\*indicates to stand, if able*

### **GATHERING AND WELCOME**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Announcements**

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Christmas poinsettias are 8.00 each.

Please have your orders turned in before you leave today. If you didn't get your form last week, there are extras by the doors.

**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 Worship<sup>1</sup>**

Leader: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

**People: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.**

Leader: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

**People: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.**

Leader: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

**People: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. Amen.**

### **\*Singing**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

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(verses 1 & 3)

**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!"**

**3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!**

**Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.**

***Refrain***

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

## **PRAY UNTO THE LORD**

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

**Blessed is the Lord, and blessed are God's people to whom God sends a savior, the messiah, who is Christ the Lord.**

**Blessed is our God, and blessed are God's gifts, that grace us with forgiveness and every good gift. Lord, you have come to dwell within us. Build your temple within our hearts. 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**

Malachi 1:1-5; 4:1-6 (NIV)

1:1 A prophecy: The word of the LORD to Israel through Malachi.

2 "I have loved you," says the LORD. "But you ask, 'How have you loved us?' "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob,

3 but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals."

4 Edom may say, "Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins." But this is what the LORD Almighty says: "They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the LORD.

5 You will see it with your own eyes and say, 'Great is the LORD— even beyond the borders of Israel!'

4:1 "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them.

2 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

3 Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

4 "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

- 5 “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.
- 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Proclaiming the Gospel**

*The Prophet Malachi and His Message*

**RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**

**\*Singing**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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(v. 1, 4)

**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.**

**4. Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:**

***Refrain***

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

**GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD**

**\*Receiving the Blessing**

**Postlude**

<sup>1</sup> From "Worship Connection: December 5, 2021" by Nancy C. Townley, *ministrymatters.com*.

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