

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 27 , 2022

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING #3 will be held on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00pm. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend this all-church meeting. We will consider what we've learned so far about the Global Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church. Then we will talk with each other about our thoughts for the future of North Bend Church. Pastor Scott will lead us during this important conversation.

CHRISTMAS! December 25th is on a Sunday this year. We will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00pm on Saturday, December 24th. The next morning we will have a special Christmas Day Celebration at 10:30am on Sunday, December 25th. Please put these special events on your calendar. And

remember, Christmas is the perfect time to invite someone to come to church with you.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The time is coming when the Lord shall pour his most special blessing on the earth.

People: We want to be ready for that time. What should we do?

Leader: Be vigilant. Keep your hearts, minds, and spirits open to God's word.

People: Help us, O Lord, to be aware of all of your blessings.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God's love for us.

People: Make our hearts ready to receive your Gift of Love, O Lord. Amen.

***Singing**

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Brown #544

(v. 1, 2)

**1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.**

Refrain:

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

2. From God our heavenly Father

**A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name.**

Refrain:

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

**O Lord, our lives are so filled with chaos and tribulation.
Help us be ready to receive your message and gift of love,
that we might grow into faithful disciples, serving you by**

**serving others with hope and compassion. In Christ's Name,
we pray. Amen.**

Joys & Concerns

Silent & Pastoral Prayer

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Anthem

Star of Advent

Reading the Scripture

Luke 1:8-17 (NIV)

- 1:8 Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God,
- 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.
- 10 And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.
- 11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.
- 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear.
- 13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John.
- 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice

- because of his birth,
- 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born.
- 16 He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God.
- 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Are You Ready for Christmas?

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

Confession and Pardon

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Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

**we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray in silent confession)

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Everyone:

Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

A: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made

with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

A: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.

P: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

A: 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.

**Breaking the Bread
Giving the Bread and Cup
After Communion Prayer**

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

What Child Is This

UMH #219

(v. 1, 3)

**1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

**3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,**

let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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