

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

Luncheon and Meeting: After worship this morning will have a luncheon followed by our third all-church meeting at 2pm.

Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend. We will consider what we've learned so far about the Global Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church and talk with each other about our thoughts for the future of North Bend Church.

Christmas Poinsettias: Please turn in your poinsettia orders before you leave today. You can place them in the offering plates. There are extra order forms by the doors.

Frank's Tree: Reminder about the Frank's tree fundraiser for Lane of Roses. \$10 dollars a bulb – If we raise \$2000 we will fully light the tree.

Christmas Door Hangers: We need a few teams of two people to walk around the neighborhood and hang our Christmas Invitations on the doorknobs of the houses around the church. Each team would be responsible for one street - about 20 houses. It would take about 20 to 30 minutes. No knocking on doors, no need to give a speech, you simply go out sometime over the next week and deliver the door hangers. See Pastor Scott if you are able to help with this important outreach.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: Today there is good news for us to behold!

People: Those who feared that they were worth little to God have found blessing in God's sight.

Leader: For in the mercy and love of God, the blind shall see, the lame shall walk without pain, those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing, and there shall be peace.

People: God's mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls.

Leader: Behold! The Lord's compassion is with God's people.

People: Believe in the power of God in all things. Amen.

***Singing**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

UMH #196

(v. 1, 2)

**1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

O Lord, you know the deserts and the parched places in our lives. We seek your healing power. Lead us on this Advent journey to the place of new birth and to the place of our redemption; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Silent & Pastoral Prayer

The 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

Singing

Away in a Manger

UMH #217

- 1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

- 2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

- 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Reading the Scripture

Luke 2:15-20 (NIV)

- 2:15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
- 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.
- 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,
- 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.
- 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.
- 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Do You See What I See?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH #204

(twice)

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

¹ From "Worship Connection: December 11, 2022", by Nancy C. Townley, *ministrymatters.com*