

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

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: Thank you to those who have delivered invitations to our neighbors to come here on Christmas Eve at 7 pm and Christmas Day at 10:30 am. We have a hundred door hangers remaining. These are available for you to take and pass them out in your neighborhood, or to whomever you wish. Please use them this week!

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

People: That sign is in the One to come--the One that God is sending.

Leader: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

People: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.

Leader: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

People: Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior. Amen.

***Singing**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH #220

(v. 1, 2, 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.**

**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.**

**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.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

**Lord of all life and all seasons, help us open our hearts to
hear the words of promise and love that you send to us. Like
Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power. Prepare**

us to receive your gift of grace and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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

Anthem

Who Is This Tiny Child

Reading the Scripture

Luke 2:25-32(NIV)

2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him.

26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the

parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required,

28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

29 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Do You Know What I Know?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH #240

(v. 1, 2, 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!"**

**2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

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!”**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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