

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Because God is worthy we worship

**indicates to stand, if able*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

Prelude

Announcements

BIBLE STUDY Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins a new study in the new year. The book of Exodus will be the focus. This eleven-week course will start on Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00am. We meet not only to study the Bible, but more importantly to listen to what God has to say to us.

EPIPHANY is the season that follows the twelve days of Christmas. It is the season of light. The first Sunday in Epiphany is January 8th. We will observe the sacrament of Communion that morning.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: The world was once in darkness

People: Now we have God's Light, Jesus to shine on us.

Leader: The words and promises of God are all true!

People: God has given us the best gift of all!

Leader: Rejoice! God is with us!

People: Praise be to God! Amen.

***Singing**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

UMH #234

(v. 1, 3, 6)

**1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.**

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together²**

O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Children's Time

We invite the children to come forward to talk with Pastor Scott

Special Music

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.

Special Music

Proclaiming the Gospel

Do You Believe What I Believe?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Joy to the World

UMH #246

(v. 1, 2, 3, 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.**

**3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;**

**he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**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.**

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

¹ From “Worship Connection: December 25, 2022”, by Nancy C. Townley, *ministrymatters.com*

² From *The Book of Worship*, p. 75, 1965.