

Good Morning Church!

NORTH BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 4, 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.

Christmas Poinsettias: Please return your poinsettia orders by next Sunday. If you didn't get your order form last week, there are extras 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.

(Are there any other Announcements?)

COME BEFORE THE LORD

***Call to Worship¹**

Leader: This day is a day of preparation.

People: Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.

Leader: Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.

People: Lord, give us courage and confidence.

Leader: God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love.

**People: Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days.
Amen.**

***Singing**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH #211

(v. 1, 2)

**1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**2. O come, thou wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAY UNTO THE LORD

***Praying Together¹**

Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. 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

Anthem

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Reading the Scripture

Luke 2:8-14 (GNT)

- 2:8 There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks.
- 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid,
- 10 but the angel said to them, “Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people.
- 11 This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!
- 12 And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
- 13 Suddenly a great army of heaven's angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God:

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!”

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclaiming the Gospel

Do You Hear What I Hear?

RESPOND IN THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

***Singing**

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH #238

(v. 1, 2)

**1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o’er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

**2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be**

which inspire your heavenly song?

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

GO IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD

***Receiving the Blessing**

Postlude

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