

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from Matthew 3:2-3*

L John proclaims, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!"

C The prophet Isaiah said of him,

L "A voice who cries out in the wilderness:

C Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #9) *"O Come O Come Emmanuel"*

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Worship from the Psalms *(Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19)*

L Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

C May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

L May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

C May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

L May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

C May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

L In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

C Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

L Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth.

C Amen and Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of righteousness and justice, we ask for your forgiveness for our sinfulness. Forgive us for the ways we refuse to follow you and wander away from you. Forgive us for the times we have ignored you and left your work undone. Forgive us for the doubts we have about your grace and mercy and forgive us when we refuse to extend that grace and mercy to others. Fill us with your grace and mercy so we can share it with others. Allow us to hear your call and respond faithfully. Remind us of the hope you bring for both abundant and eternal life with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music (Blue #20) *"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.

Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Dan Badenhop, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



We are sorry to announce that **Harold Badertscher** passed away on Sunday, November 30th at Northcrest Nursing Home. There are no services planned. One of the cards in the south alcove are for his sister, Barbara Murtaugh.

We had a small turnout and fun time at Christ Methodist last Wednesday thanks to the weather, but we expect a larger one for our **Wednesday Advent Celebration**.

- On Wednesday, December 10th, we are inviting both Methodist churches to join us here at 6:00 p.m. to sing carols, have a soup supper and a game night.
- On Wednesday, December 17th, we are invited to St. Paul United Methodist Church for a dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a blues Christmas worship service at 7:00 p.m. with the "Third Floor Blues Band".

Anyone who wants to go the **Napoleon Community Band Christmas Concert** on Monday, December 8th at 7 p.m. at the Nazarene church, please talk with Bruce.

On Sunday, December 14th, we will have a **Christmas-themed potluck** after church.

Session meets on Monday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m.

There are several **Christmas Concerts** at area churches on the portable bulletin board in the south alcove. If you would like to go to any of them, please talk with Bruce.

Our **Cards of the Week** are for the missions we support. Next week's cards will be for our shut-ins and prayer partners. In two weeks, our cards will be for former pastors and their families.

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The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"
Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.
But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his[b] baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.
"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Message
Prayer of Affirmation

Bruce Brown

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #48) *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*
Call to the Table
L The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
L It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise you, O God, creator of the universe. ... we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming.
C When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.
L We give you thanks, that on the night before he died ...

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN**

Distribution
Prayer after Communion

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #3) *"Comfort, Comfort You My People"*
*Blessing and Benediction
Departing Music