



# North Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

December 20, 2020

## Gathering of the Community of Faith

Welcome

Hymn "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" CH 138

\*Call to Worship Dan Stewart

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
Who has visited and redeemed God's people,  
And has raised up a mighty savior for us  
In the house of David.  
By the tender mercy of our God,  
The dawn from on high will break upon us,  
To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

~~ "Chalice Worship" pg 244, © 1997 Chalice Press, St. Louis MO

\*Prayer of Invocation Dan Stewart

Hymn "When God is a Child" CH 132

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Dan Stewart

### Litany of Light

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;  
**With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**  
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
And your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
**Happy are the people who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.**

*(Lighting of Previous Sunday's Candles)*

### Meditation

Who are the people chosen by God to do God's work? It is easy to think of well-known people like Mother Teresa, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Billy Graham, and Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity. It is easy to think of pastors who lead congregations to do God's will. How does God choose people? If you think of Bible people, you will notice that God seems to choose ordinary, everyday people. In this week's Old Testament lesson, we hear about David and in the gospel lesson, Mary. David was a shepherd, the youngest son—and unlikely candidate for king. Mary was a teenager; her parents were ordinary small-town people. But God chose them. From David's lineage comes the Christ; from Mary comes the Christ—all with God's wonderful presence.

God chooses each of us to work toward the coming of the Christ. In this last week of Advent, let us accept the challenge, remembering what the angel told Mary, "The Lord is with you." Nothing is impossible with God. And as Mary did, we will praise God for choosing us and remember that God has indeed done great things for us.

*(Lighting of the Third Advent Candle)*

### Unison Prayer

**Let us today, Lord, exalt your holy name and exult in the ways you reach out to us this Advent season. Let us share the joy with all we meet. Amen.**

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Sharing the Prayers of the Community

Rev. Chris Snow

Prayers of the People/ The Lord's Prayer

Moment for Mission Christmas Special Offering

### Hearing the Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Dan Stewart

One: The word of God, for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"Blessed Be the God of Israel"

CH 135

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

"God Calls Us"

Rev. Chris Snow

\*Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

CH 140

### Gathering around the Table

Offering Meditation

Rev. Chris Snow

Communion Meditation

Sheila McCrea

Words of Institution

Partaking of the elements

*All are welcome at Christ's table. You are invited to proceed to the west most aisle. Along the western wall you are encouraged continue to practice physical distancing of 6ft between individuals as you follow the next steps.*

**1) You are invited to place your offerings in the offering plate as you are able.**

**2) Remove your mask. 3) Using the hand sanitizer**

**4) Partake of the elements (Bread and Juice). 5) Put your mask back on**

**6) Sanitize your hands once more before returning to your seat.**

Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Chris Snow

"I Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God,  
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world."

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Chris Snow

### Sending Forth the People of God

Ministry Happenings

Rev. Chris Snow

\*Benediction

Rev. Chris Snow

# The North Hill Weekly

December 20th, 2020

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

For many of us Christmas Eve is filled with a number of traditions that we hold dear. One of these is being able to sing together some of our favorite Christmas Carols. In order to facilitate this and make our Christmas Eve service available to all we will be hosting this service on Zoom at 7:00 PM and making service available on Facebook later in the evening. If you would like to assist in any of the recordings or leadership of our service please let Pastor Chris know as soon as possible.

## Looking Ahead

**1st Ukrainian Baptist Church (UBC):** Tuesday - Study & Choir 6-9 PM (Sanctuary) Sunday -  
Worship 2-6 PM (Sanctuary & Hazen Hall)

Sunday, December 20	Worship 10:30AM
Monday, December 21	
Tuesday, December 22	
Wednesday, December 23	
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM via ZOOM
Sunday, December 27	Worship 10:30 AM

## Serving Next Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

**Count:** Michele Fleck, Sally Deranleau

**Diaconate:** Arlene Pandelis **Elder:** Bill Jennison

**Lay Leader:** Debbie Jennison

**Power Point:** Jenn Snow **Sound:** Michele Fleck

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