



# Old North United Methodist Church

Our mission is

“To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

## Vital Statistics Sunday, December 13, 2020

Contributions	\$ 12,275.00
Benevolent Fund	\$ 700.00
United Caring Services	\$ 50.00
Habitat	\$ 100.00
St. Matthew's Food Pantry	\$ 25.00
UMCOR-COVID Relief	\$ 100.00
Youth Mission Trip	\$ 125.00

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### Lectionary Reading This Week

2 Samuel 7:1-11  
16 Luke 1:47-55  
Romans. 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38



**JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE FOR OUR VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE AT 7 p.m. at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZOEQ3c5X0HIHVRc3QxL6DsKLMP4MvyM6>**

# Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Old North, home to the historic 1832 Chapel  
4th Sunday of Advent

**SUNDAY, December 20, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

## Call to Worship

### Advent Candle Lighting

Reader: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Kim Salmon

## Welcome

Rev. Mike Monahan

## Prelude

*“Sonata in D Major”*

Domenico Scarlatti

## Invocation

## Children’s Message

Kim Salmon

## Invitation To Prayer

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

### Lord’s Prayer

## Giving to God

## Offertory Sentence

## Offertory

*“Verso in G Minor”*

Domenico Zipoli

## Offertory Prayer

## Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Kelsey Gerhardt

## Sermon

## Solo

*“In the Bleak Midwinter “*

Words: Christina G. Rosetti, 1872

Music: Gustav Holst, 1906

In the Public Domain

## Postlude

*“Sonatina in E flat Major”*

Jan Dussek

## Prayer Requests

Seth Adams  
Joshua Althouse  
Megan Antes  
Erik Arneson  
Ashley Barrett  
Bob Barron  
Mary Bear  
Sherrie Conner  
Rocklynn Crawford  
Jeff Dodson and family  
Micah Easley & family  
D. J. Edmonston  
Connie French  
David French  
Toni French  
Stephanie Fuquay  
Mike Gerard  
Wayne Gideon  
Pat Hearn

Lori Bell Knight  
Mary Lamb  
Richard Lamping  
August Leslie  
Pat Mandel  
Bill McCune  
Hugh, Sally, Steve, & Ken McKnight  
(Charlotte Thompson’s brother & family)  
Carol Morris  
Sally & Joe Pack  
Matthew Parker  
Rick Pountain  
Cruz Short  
Eric Seastrunk  
Barb Loader Singhaus  
Tom Schellessor  
Tom Smock  
Lee & Bill Thomas  
Annette Williams  
Beth Williams

If you have a need or prayer request,  
you may call or text Dianne Hobbs at  
(812) 746-3394 or send an email to  
office@oldnorthumc.com.

## Those in Uniform

Jacob Althouse Aaron Dunville  
Malorie Hobbs Jason Lewis  
Grant Nickens

## Homebound Prayer Requests

### Hamilton Pointe

Howard Norlin - Apt. 120

### River Bend Nursing

Dorris Lagow - Room 302

### The Village at Holiday Health Care

Barb Schaefer - Apt. 101

### Signature Healthcare

Mary Pountain

## FAIR TRADE CORNER



Artisans in Ecuador can do some beautiful things with old window glass! Come see all the choices this Saturday (December 17) between 10-2 and remember pre-ordering for store pick-up is available too!

December 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. is the last day the Fair Trade Market will be open in 2020. Be sure to watch for our 2021 opening. We are grateful for your continued support throughout the strange year of 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Old North Fair Trade Market!



Thank you to everyone for their concerns, cards and prayers. My surgery went well. I appreciate the people of Old North more than you know. *Mary Pountain*

## JUST FOR FUN



## Birthdays this week

- 21 Sally Poston
- 22 Steve Georgesen
- 23 Alexander Dunn
- 26 Nancy Stevens
- 27 Erica Finch
- Jack Schernekau



## Anniversaries this Week

- 21 Barb & Jim McCune
- 25 Pat & Marlan Maidlow

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas! Grace and peace to you in the Name of the Lord! We are nearing the end of one of the most tumultuous and challenging years in our history. Recently, I was thinking about 2020, and I said to myself, "This has been a really bad year." I sensed the Holy Spirit gently rebuking me: "No, son, this has not been a bad year. It has been difficult.

There has been sadness and frustration. But I have been at work every day bringing about my redemptive purpose. A new day will come. Do not grow weary in doing good, for you shall reap in due season if you do not faint" (see Galatians 6:9).

Please remember that the Church is not closed. Our ministry to the city continues. Our ministry to you continues. If you need any help, please contact the church. If you need someone to pray with you, call the church. If you just want to talk, call the church. You can always reach me on my cell at (812) 431-7554 or by email at [pastor@oldnorthumc.com](mailto:pastor@oldnorthumc.com).

I pray that you are remaining safe during these difficult days. Even as "pandemic fatigue" sets in, it is becoming clear that the worst of the pandemic may not be behind us. We are seeing an alarming increase in COVID-19 cases and this illness is now directly affecting people we know and care about. Our friends, family, and coworkers are getting sick. Please continue to pray for them and for our community and remain vigilant in your own efforts stay healthy.

Due to this continuing increase in local COVID-19 cases, a "Stay-at-Home Advisory" has been issued in many areas. Obviously, this guidance has direct implications for the life of Old North. When we reopened for public in-person worship we all hoped that we'd never have to shut the doors again. But we also knew that we might have to and sadly we did.

It is not clear how long this suspension will last, but as soon as we are able to "safely" gather again—we will. Our online worship offerings will continue. We will gather virtually on Sundays at 9:30a.m. We are also continuing to offer interactive educational opportunities.

If you need more specific information please call the church. It saddens me that this is happening right at Christmas. For many of us, this is one of the most meaningful times in the liturgical year. To be unable to gather together to worship God during this period seems like a distinctive loss. Honestly, it is. But **the truth that we celebrate during this season remains true**, even in the midst of this crisis. We are celebrating the truth that in Jesus Christ, God became man, born of the Virgin Mary, born to save us from the sin and death. God entered into a world filled with pain, heartache, suffering and illness, so that he might restore, renew, and redeem it. Let us hold on to that truth this season.

God's Richest Blessings,

*Pastor Mike*

**Thank you to everyone who opened their hearts this Christmas season and donated to the needs of others by sponsoring poinsettias or by donating to your chosen charity.**

### **Poinsettia Sponsors**

***In memory of our parents***  
*By Deb & Chuck Sallee*

***In memory of Carol Stremming***  
*By Alan Stremming*

***In honor of the Worship Committee***  
*By Anonymous*

***In honor of our grandchildren***  
*Maggie & August*  
*By Kim & Brad Salmon*

***In memory of Jessie, Frank, Annie & Pearl Weatherholt, Russell & Mary Poehlein, Lettie & Royal Salmon & Clair, Alyda & Evely Zehr.***  
*By Kim & Brad Salmon*

***In memory of Harold Thompson***  
*By Charlotte Thompson*

***In honor of Kim Salmon***  
*By Clara Downen*

***In memory of Dave Downen***  
*By Clara Downen*

***In memory of Bill Hitch***  
*By Shirley Hitch*

***In memory of Carol Stremming & Susan Bennetts***  
*By Beth & Pat Bomkamp*

### **Alternative Gifts**

**Mission Guatemala**  
***In memory of William Wright***  
*By Anne & Bruce Wright*

**Aurora**  
***In memory of Evelyth Wright***  
*By Anne & Bruce Wright*

***In memory of our dear friends***  
*By Bev & Jim Salmon*

**Salvation Army**  
***In honor of the health care workers***  
*By Anonymous*

**United Methodist Youth Home**  
***In memory of the Sauer Family***  
*By Dale Sauer*

**Benevolent Fund**  
***In memory of Ed Chapman***  
*By Olga Chapman*

**Habitat**  
***In honor of Janette & Jim Prickett***  
*By Lynn & Bill Penland*

**UMCOR**  
***In honor of Pastor Mike***  
*By Lynn & Bill Penland*

## **INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT ADVENT SERIES CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY! ADVENT STUDY - A STUDY OF LUKE**

Plan to join the Intentional Faith Development class each Sunday morning in Advent as we look to the book of Luke for inspiration and hope during this holy and joyful time of the year. Come to class with an open mind and an open heart to hear the story of Christ's birth and life from Luke's unique perspective.

If you would like to join this always-interesting class but do not receive the Zoom invitation, please contact Raaf Stevens at rfsnas@yahoo.com or Jeannette Oakley at jltoakley@gmail.com. New perspectives are always welcome!

### **A message from the Treasurer**

Thank you for your continuing financial support for our church. Some members do pay their pledges on an annual basis and some on a monthly basis. We are at that time of year when our money counters sometimes have to second guess your intentions. So if you are making your donation in the next couple of weeks and it is meant for 2021 pledges, please make sure it is clearly marked.

We have not yet received the 2021 giving envelopes.

Thank you,  
Darlene Robinett, Interim Treasurer

### **Thursday Night Bible Study Group Advent Study "Because of Bethlehem"**

This study by Max Lucado is a 4 week study of the stressors that keep us from enjoying the true meaning of the Christmas season. Please, join us from 5:45 to 7:15 pm on Thursdays for this timely study. A zoom invitation will be sent by email weekly, so you can join anytime.