

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:  
Be the hands  
and feet  
of Christ*

**Northgate United Methodist Church**

**December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Sermon Series: Come Home for Christmas (Part 3 of 5)**

**Sermon: The Joy of Home**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

NOTE: † Congregation, please stand as you are able.

**Bold: Congregation, please respond together.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Marsh family

†Call to Worship

A path to our God,  
**winding through the ordinary,**  
weaving through the busyness,  
**overcoming roadblocks and detours.**

A way to go home,  
**leaving the past in the past,**  
moving from darkness to exile,  
**coming into the light.**

Advent is a path to our God,  
**a way to come home,**  
a discovery of God's voice:  
**rejoice, rejoice. God is with us!**

†Opening Prayer

God of our salvation, you bring victory to the righteous, and comfort to the outcast. As we come before you this day, lighten our hearts with laughter and loosen our tongues to sing your praise. For you alone are the source of our hope; you alone are the fountain of our joy. Be with us now and always. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

*The First Noel*

UMH 245, v. 1 and 2

Concerns of the Community

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, for ever. AMEN.**

‡Hymn

*There's a Song in the Air*

UMH 249, v. 1 and 4

‡Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Young Disciples' Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

*Beautiful Name Medley*

Choir

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Joy of Home”

Pastor Jennifer

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

‡Closing Hymn

*To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*

UMH 215, v. 1 and 6

‡ Benediction

‡ Choral Response

*Freely, Freely*

**He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”**

‡ Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Jennifer Kilpatrick  
Liturgist ..... Gail Blythe  
Music Director..... David Forbus  
Accompanist..... Laura Benton  
A/V Team ..... Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh



***Traditional Worship Service in-person or online at 10:45 a.m.***

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## Upcoming Worship Services

**December 19, 2021**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Continue 5-part Advent Sermon Series

**Scripture:** Luke 1:46b-55

**Sermon title:** The Blessing of Home

**Sermon series:** Come Home for Christmas  
(Part Four of Five)