

Prayer Concerns:

- NorthHaven during this time of transition
- Richard Gray, home waiting for speech therapy
- The Youngquist and Miller families at the loss of Rachel’s mother and Susan’s sister, Brenda Robison
- The Miller and Youngquist families at the loss of their mother and grandmother, Marjorie Faske
- Beth, Lincoln, and James Taylor at the loss of their husband and father, David
- Barbara Foreman
- Tamara Lookabaugh
- Mike Bumgarner
- Cheryl Tarter and family at the loss of her husband, Clay.
- Lavonn Brown
- Norma Stephenson
- Patti Drennan and family at the loss of her husband, Jim.
- Tony Waggoner
- Dan Hobbs
- Joyce Krause

Please contact the church office with concerns and updates.



NorthHaven Church

December 4, 2022



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2nd Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022 10:30 a.m.		
<i>NorthHaven: An inclusive family of Christ followers, inspiring, challenging and equipping each other to participate in God’s great story.</i>		
Welcome		Pamela Duncan
Prelude	<i>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</i> Meldy Tanako and Patti Drennan, Piano	arr. by Patti Drennan
Hymn of Rejoicing No. 278	<i>“Angels We Have Heard on High”</i> Verses 1-4	GLORIA
Children’s Nativity Focus		KidsHaven
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace		Peggy Strunk
Responsive Reading	(Congregation will read the bold print.)	Helen McGrath
In this season of Advent, we long for God’s presence. <b>Christ is our light and the source of our peace.</b> In this season of Advent, we search for God’s truth. <b>Christ is our light and the source of our peace.</b> In this season of Advent, we seek God’s guidance. <b>Christ is our light and the source of our peace.</b> In this season of Advent, we remember God’s promise. <b>Christ is our light and the source of our peace.</b>		
Baptism	Tessa Teague	Jakob Topper
Hymn No. 290	<i>“As with Gladness Men of Old”</i> Verses 1-4	DIX

ANNOUNCEMENTS
<p><b>Next Week:</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent. Jakob Topper will bring the message “Jesus as Emmanuel” from Matthew 1:18-25.</p> <p><b>This Week at NorthHaven:</b> <u>Tuesday, 11/6:</u> Budget Committee Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.; <u>Wednesday, 11/30:</u> Art Night with Don Schooler @ 6:00 p.m.; Choir @ 7:00 p.m.; <u>Saturday, 12/10:</u> Christmas Cookie Decorating @ 10:00 a.m.; Caroling &amp; Christmas Cookie Delivery @ 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Toy Drive:</b> We are collecting toys for the Native American churches in Canton and Watonga Sunday, November 27 - Sunday, December 11. Toys should be appropriate for children 10 years and under with a \$15 limit per toy. Bring your unwrapped toys and place them under the tree in the Sanctuary.</p> <p><b>Coat Drive:</b> We are collecting new and gently used coats of all sizes for individuals and other organizations. If you have coats, hats or gloves to donate, please place them on the coat rack in the atrium.</p> <p><b>Art Night with Don Schooler:</b> Join us on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. for our multi generational Art Night! Don will be teaching us how to draw Christmas cartoons!</p> <p><b>Cookie Decorating and Caroling:</b> On Saturday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m. will we be decorating Christmas cookies. At 11:00 a.m. we will go caroling and delivering the cookies to our homebound.</p> <p><b>Service of Hope:</b> On Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Service of Hope. Grief comes in many different forms for many different reasons. This is a service for you to find hope during your grief. Invite someone you know who may benefit from this service. Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Last Sunday Worship Service December 18th:</b> Dr. R. Mitch Randall will bring the message. We’ll worship, reminisce, grieve and celebrate our future together. You won’t want to miss it!</p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Service:</b> We will have our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in our current location at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Christmas Day and New Years Day:</b> We will worship virtually for Christmas Day and New Years Day. Spend time with your family and watch the services online together!</p> <p><b>Theology on Tap:</b> Those interested will meet in January 2023. The discussion will be over the book "See No Stranger: A Manifesto of Revolutionary Love” by Valerie Kaur. Please buy the book on your own if you are interested.</p> <p><b>NHC on the Move:</b> The renovations have begun and movers have been scheduled. The movers will come and move everything except the furniture in the sanctuary on December 22. The reminder of the furniture will be moved on December 28th. Please pray that everything will be ready so we can have our first service on 1/8/23.</p>

Schedule:

Sundays at NorthHaven

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	The Gathering
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Worship

Wednesdays at NorthHaven

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	KidsHaven
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	NHC Student Ministry
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

- Affirming Historic Baptist Principles
- Soul Freedom
- Bible Freedom
- Church Freedom
- Religious Freedom

11/20/22

Worship: 50  
Bible Study: 37  
General Fund: \$3,025.00  
Designated Other: \$44.25

October GF Budget Needs: \$15,855.50  
October GF Budget Receipts: \$25,685.00  
Jan - Oct GF Receipts (Under) Budget: \$(13,534.75)

Staff:

Rev. Jakob Topper  
*Senior Pastor*

Sheri L. Ridenour  
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Scripture Reading

John & Merry Dorean  
Esther 4:1-17

**Reader 1:** *When Mordecai learned what had been done, he tore his clothes, dressed in mourning clothes, and put ashes on his head. Then he went out into the heart of the city and cried out loudly and bitterly. He went only as far as the King’s Gate because it was against the law for anyone to pass through it wearing mourning clothes. At the same time, in every province and place where the king’s order and his new law arrived, a very great sadness came over the Jews. They gave up eating and spent whole days weeping and crying out loudly in pain. Many Jews lay on the ground in mourning clothes and ashes. When Esther’s female servants and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, the queen’s whole body showed how upset she was. She sent everyday clothes for Mordecai to wear instead of mourning clothes, but he rejected them.*

**Reader 2:** *Esther then sent for Hathach, one of the royal eunuchs whose job it was to wait on her. She ordered him to go to Mordecai and find out what was going on and why he was acting this way. Hathach went out to Mordecai, to the city square in front of the King’s Gate. Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him. He spelled out the exact amount of silver that Haman promised to pay into the royal treasury. It was in exchange for the destruction of the Jews. He also gave Hathach a copy of the law made public in Susa concerning the Jews’ destruction so that Hathach could show it to Esther and report it to her. Through him Mordecai ordered her to go to the king to seek his kindness and his help for her people. Hathach came back and told Esther what Mordecai had said.*

**Reader 1:** *In reply Esther ordered Hathach to tell Mordecai: “All the king’s officials and the people in his provinces know that there’s a single law in a case like this. Any man or woman who comes to the king in the inner courtyard without being called is to be put to death. Only the person to whom the king holds out the gold scepter may live. In my case, I haven’t been called to come to the king for the past thirty days.”*

**Reader 2:** *When they told Mordecai Esther’s words, he had them respond to Esther: “Don’t think for one minute that, unlike all the other Jews, you’ll come out of this alive simply because you are in the palace. In fact, if you don’t speak up at this very important time, relief and rescue will appear for the Jews from another place, but you and your family will die. But who knows? Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family.”*

**Reader 1:** *Esther sent back this word to Mordecai: “Go, gather all the Jews who are in Susa and tell them to give up eating to help me be brave. They aren’t to eat or drink anything for three whole days, and I myself will do the same, along with my female servants. Then, even though it’s against the law, I will go to the king; and if I am to die, then die I will.” So Mordecai left where he was and did exactly what Esther had ordered him.*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Offertory Prayer  
John Dorean

Choral Offertory	<i>“A Prayer for Advent”</i>	by Douglas Nolan
Message	“Esther”	Jakob Topper
Song of Peace	“Noel” Patti Drennan	by Chris Tomlin
Hymn of Response No. 644	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i> Verses 1 and 3	ADESTE FIDELES
Global Missions Moment		Video
Announcements		Sheri Ridenour
Choral Benediction	Refrain of <i>“For He Alone is Worthy”</i> (sing once)  <i>“For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.”</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Jakob Topper
Postlude	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i> Meldy Tanako, Piano	arr. by Cindy Berry

*Please place tithes and offerings in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.  
Guest cards and New Member cards, located on the table in the atrium, may also be placed in the offering plate.*

*-Please silence your cell phones.*

*-If you are in need of a hearing device, they are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.*

*There is a lot going on this month.  
Check out these opportunities coming soon!*

