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Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 6, 2020

WELCOME | TO OAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are so glad you've joined us today! We pray that you see Jesus Christ glorified in our midst, and that you are led to glorify Him as well. As a church our vision, by God's grace, is to become 'oaks of righteousness,' growing roots deep in God's Word, bearing fruit of God-centered holiness and worship, and branching out with Gospel-centered witness and service to State College, Penn State, Central Pennsylvania, and the world.

If you are new here and would like to receive Oakwood news and announcements, or just want to share a prayer request, please see the tear-off section on the last page of this bulletin or send an email with your information to churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org.

For those with small children, we are currently offering nursery for ages 7 mo. to 3 years during the sermon. Due to current health concerns, the nursery will only be available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We will not have Stepping Stones for the time being.

December 6, 2020

Prelude

Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Owen Hughes

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, John 1:19-23

8:30 SERVICE ADVENT

The Norlander Family

11:15 SERVICE ADVENT

The Asbury Family

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Romans 13:11-12

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Adoration - Psalm 104:24-28, 31-35

In Unison

O Lord, how manifold are Your works!

In wisdom have You made them all;

the earth is full of Your creatures.

Here is the sea, great and wide,

which teems with creatures innumerable,

living things both small and great.

There go the ships,

and Leviathan, which You formed to play in it.

These all look to You,

to give them their food in due season.

When You give it to them, they gather it up;

when You open your hand, they are filled with good things...

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in His works,

Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

Who touches the mountains and they smoke!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to Him,

for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,

and let the wicked be no more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Praise the Lord!

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words: Charles Wesley, *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1739, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, in his cantata *Festgesang an die Künstler*, 1840 (second movement, *Vaterland, in deinem Gauen*); the cantata celebrated the 400th anniversary of Johann Gutenberg's invention of the printing press. This arrangement, by William H. Cummings, appeared in the *Congregational Hymn and Tune Book*, by Richard R. Chope, 1857.

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

3. Hail, the heav’n-born
Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Owen Hughes

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God’s Law

Romans 13:8-10

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God’s Promise to Pardon

Romans 8:10-11

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Thanksgiving - Psalm 107:1-9

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!

God's People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

God's People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!

God's People: For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

God's Promise to Hear

James 1:17

Prayer of Petition

Elder Tim Eshelman

THE WORD OF LIFE

ISAIAH 9:2-6

Rev. Ben Lee, Youth Director

LET THERE BE LIGHT

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God...

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Hymn of Response - Colossians 1:13-23

In Unison

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Words: John F. Wade, circa 1743. Verses 1-3 & 6 translated from Latin to English by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; verses 4 & 5 translated by William T. Brooke (1848-1917). Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attributed variously to John Wade, John Reading, or Simao Portogallo.

1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels;

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O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2. God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, Begotten, not created;

REFRAIN

3. Sing, choirs of angels;
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest;

REFRAIN

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Late in flesh appearing;

REFRAIN

11:15 SERVICE

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Isaiah 60:1-2

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen, Amen.

Postlude*

**End of the livestream with transition to communion for those worshipping in-person.*

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Ben Lee

Celebrate the Lord's Supper! Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during the morning worship service. Scripture calls us to examine ourselves before we come to the Lord's Table (1 Cor. 11:28). The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be observed in remembrance of Christ, and to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (1 Cor. 11:23-26). If you are a member in good standing of a Bible believing church, and profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we invite you to join in the Lord's Supper. If these conditions do not describe you, but you desire to be admitted to the Table, please contact the pastor or an elder after the service to discuss participating in the Lord's Supper. Please note: Due to the dietary concerns of some of our members, our communion bread is gluten free.

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Reflection - Psalm 139:1-10,23,24

In Unison

O Lord, You have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me...

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

How Deep The Father's Love

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1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

8:30 SERVICE

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Isaiah 60:1-2

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with a community of
believers on campus?**

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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Please tear off this section, write your name on the other side,
and place it in the offering box, or hand it to an usher.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

Please tear off this section, fill it out, and place it in the offering box, or hand it to an usher.

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

SPOUSE / CHILDREN'S NAMES

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Become a member
 - Be contacted by an Elder
 - Join a small group
 - Volunteer for:
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- Receive the e-announcements
 - Add my info to the directory
 - Update my contact information
 - Offer my info for contact tracing use only

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

Learn more about our church, including what's going on throughout the week at

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