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Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 13, 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 today. Due to current health concerns, the nursery will only be available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of this month. We will not have Stepping Stones for the time being.

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Prelude

Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Owen Hughes

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 60:1-3; John 1:1-3

8:30 SERVICE ADVENT

The Cornaggias

11:15 SERVICE ADVENT

The Lees

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 72:17-19

May the Lord's name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Adoration - Psalm 68:1-6

In Unison

God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the Lord; exult before Him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.

God settles the solitary in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heav'nly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

3. 'Fear not then,' said the angel,
'Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan's power and might.'
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

4. Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Titus 3:1-2

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God's Promise to Pardon

Titus 3:4-7

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Thanksgiving - Psalm 106:1-8

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

God's People: Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all His praise?

Leader: Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

God's People: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to Your people; help me when You save them,

Leader: that I may look upon the prosperity of Your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Your nation, that I may glory with Your inheritance.

God's People: Both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.

Leader: Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider Your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of Your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.

God's People: Yet He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make known His mighty power

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

His Mercy Is More

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CHORUS

Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
new every morn
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

1. What love could remember
no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea
without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

CHORUS

2. What patience would wait
as we constantly roam
What Father so tender
is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

CHORUS

3. What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
we could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

8:30 AND 11:15 SERVICE RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm of Thanksgiving - Psalm 103:1-13

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

God's People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

God's People: Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

God's People: He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God's People: He will not always chide, nor will he keep His anger forever.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

God's People: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

Leader: as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

God's People: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

God's Promise to Hear

II Corinthians 1:3-4

Prayer of Petition

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

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 debts; As we forgive our debtors.
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.*

THE WORD OF LIFE

Isaiah 9:6-7; John 14:1-11

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

EVERLASTING FATHER

^{9:6} 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, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

^{14:1} “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Reflection - Psalm 145:10-21

In Unison

All your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,
and all Your saints shall bless You!
They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
and tell of Your power,
to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all His words
and kind in all His works.
The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to You,
and You give them their food in due season.
You open Your hand;
You satisfy the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is righteous in all His ways
and kind in all His works.
The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;
He also hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord preserves all who love Him,
but all the wicked He will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

In Christ Alone

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1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.
What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Romans 15:13

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

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

Oakwood Musicians

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- ☐ 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

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