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Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 20, 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 this month. We will not have Stepping Stones for the time being.

December 20, 2020

Prelude

Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Ben Lee

Forth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4; John 1:9-18

8:30 SERVICE ADVENT

Nathan Tack

11:15 SERVICE ADVENT

The Kirkpatricks

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Luke 1:68-69, 79

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
...to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Adoration - Isaiah 26:1-12

In Unison

Leader: In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

People:

We have a strong city;
He sets up salvation as walls and bulwarks.
Open the gates, that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.
You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the Lord forever,
for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.
For He has humbled
the inhabitants of the height,
the lofty city.
He lays it low, lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust.
The foot tramples it,
the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.

The path of the righteous is level;
You make level the way of the righteous.
In the path of Your judgments,
 O Lord, we wait for You;
Your name and remembrance
 are the desire of our soul.
My soul yearns for You in the night;
 my spirit within me earnestly seeks You.
For when Your judgments are in the earth,
 the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.
If favor is shown to the wicked,
 he does not learn righteousness;
in the land of uprightness he deals corruptly
 and does not see the majesty of the Lord.
O Lord, Your hand is lifted up,
 but they do not see it.
Let them see Your zeal for Your people, and be ashamed.
 Let the fire for your adversaries consume them.
O Lord, You will ordain peace for us,
 for You have indeed done for us all our works.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

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1. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

2. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

3. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

2 Corinthians 13:11

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God of love and peace
We long for peace within and peace without
We long for harmony in our families
for serenity in the midst of struggle.
We long for the day when our homes
will be a dwelling place of your love.
Yet we confess that we are often not people of peace.
We do not aim for restoration.
We seek our own comfort.
We are disagreeable.
We are easily angered and impatient.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Rule in our hearts.
Show us how to walk in peace through the mercy of the Savior.

- Adapted from "The Worship Sourcebook" Section 2.2.46

God's Promise to Pardon

Galatians 1:3-5

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Thanksgiving - Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord

God's People: O Lord hear my voice. Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Leader: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

God's People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Leader: I wait for the the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope.

God's People: My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchman for the morning, more than the watchman for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord

God's People: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Words: Edmind H. Sears, in the Christian Register (Boston, Massachusetts: December 29, 1849), volume 28, number 52, page 206. Sears is said to have written these words at the request of his friend, W. P. Lunt, a minister in Quincy, Massachusetts; the hymn was first sung at the 1849 Sunday School Christmas celebration. Music: Carol, Richard S. Willis, Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850.

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold.
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven
skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

3. And ye, beneath life’s crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing.

4. For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

8:30 AND 11:15 SERVICE

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 103-109

Q. 103. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. In the third petition, which is, “May Your will be done in earth as it is in heaven,” we pray that God, by His grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to His will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. In the fourth petition, which is, “Give us this day our daily bread,” we pray that by God’s free gift we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life and enjoy His blessing with them.

Q. 105. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition, which is “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,” we pray that God, for Christ’s sake, would freely pardon all our sins. We are the especially encouraged to ask for this because we are enabled by His grace to forgive others from the heart.

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. In the sixth petition, which is, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support us and deliver us when we are tempted.

Q. 107. What does the conclusion of the Lord’s prayer teach us?

A. The conclusion of the Lord’s prayer, which is, “For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.” teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer only from God, and in our prayers to praise Him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to Him. And in testimony of our desire and our assurance of being heard, we say Amen.

God’s Promise to Hear

Prayer of Petition

Psalm 29:10-11

Rev. Richard Smith

THE WORD OF LIFE

Isaiah 9:6-7; John 14:18-20, 25-27

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

PRINCE OF PEACE

^{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.

^{14:18} “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

^{14:25} “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Reflection - Psalm 37:1-11

In Unison

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers!
For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth
your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one
who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the
land. In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully
at his place, he will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight
themselves in abundant peace.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

O Holy Night

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1. O holy night
the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world
in sin and error pining
Till He appeared
and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope
the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks
a new and glorious morn

CHORUS

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

2. Led by the light
of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts
by His cradle we stand
So led by light
of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men
from Orient land
The King of kings
lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our Friend

CHORUS 2

He knows our need
To our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend

3. Truly He taught us
to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break
for the slave is our brother
And in His name
all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy
in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

CHORUS 3

Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Hebrews 13:20-21

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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11:15 am worship service at
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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?

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