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Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME | TO OAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are so glad you've joined us today! Here is everything you need to guide you through "Worship @ Home." The bulletin looks very much like the one you expect to receive when you come to Oakwood for worship. You can print a copy for everyone to use, but it's important to notice that **there are links in the digital version which will take you to an introductory video, videos with music and lyrics for the hymns and songs (just click on the name of the hymn/song), and the video of the sermon.** Take note that there is also a link to the church website for online giving of tithes and offerings as well. You may want to project the bulletin onto your TV from your computer or phone, if you have the means to do that - when you click on the videos they should pop up on the screen. Be aware that the song videos are on YouTube and may be preceded by commercials - you can click past them on the lower right-hand corner after a few seconds.

We are praying that the Lord will be glorified in and pleased with the worship in the homes of all those at Oakwood on this Lord's Day. Feel free to reply to email us afterwards and let us know of any feedback that you might think would be helpful to us. May God bless you with His presence and favor!

In Christ, Pastor Dan

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

[Ephesians 2:13-17](#)

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Adoration - [Psalm 97:1-9](#)

In Unison

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
Fire goes before Him
and burns up His adversaries all around.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim His righteousness,
and all the peoples see His glory.
All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship Him, all you gods!
Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of Your judgments, O Lord.
For You, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
You are exalted far above all gods.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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CHORUS

Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on
earth begun, His reign on earth begun!

1. He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

CHORUS

2. He comes with comfort speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong.

3. To give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in His sight.

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Owen Hughes

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN &
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

[James 4:1-4](#)

Silent Prayer

[James 4:5-10](#)

CHORUS

4. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
Love joy and hope, like flowers
spring in His path to birth.

5. Kings shall fall down before Him,
and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing;

CHORUS

6. The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever,
that name to us is Love.

CHORUS

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Thanksgiving - [Psalm 28:1-2, 6-9](#)

In Unison

To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.
Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,
when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary...
Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.
The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them
forever.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Jesus Paid It All

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1. I hear the Savior say,
Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me your all in all.

CHORUS

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

CHORUS

3. And when before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

8:30 AND 11:15 SERVICES

The Apostles' Creed

In Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living 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.

God's Promise to Hear

[1 John 5:13-15](#)

Prayer of Petition

Elder Ling Rothrock

Incarnate God, With the angels we sing and glorify your name, Thankful for all that you have given us: For your presence in the world, that you sustain your creation and the many reminders such as the winter season. For our nation, that we are able to worship in spirit and in truth. For our community and its leaders whether it be in places of work, government, or worship. For the witness of your church celebrating around the world in spite of the various persecutions in countries like China and in the Middle East. But today we are especially grateful for the gift of your Son, who gave up his heavenly home for a manger and a cross so that we might experience redemption, a gift that neither spoils nor fades. With the angels we also desire peace on earth, a peace that is broader and deeper than the end of war. We pray for the restoration of this world, for the growth of your kingdom, for reconciliation, healing, and renewal. We bring before you our prayers for The nations of the world that persecute your people. We pray especially for the

people of Hong Kong. That you might strengthen your people there to be salt in light in the midst of persecution from China.

Our nation and those in authority. We pray for President Trump that you would guide his path for the remainder of his presidency. We also pray for president-elect Biden and his staff that you would guide their paths regardless of their political leanings. Especially during these turbulent political times, raise up men and women in our government who seek to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

The church universal, its mission, and those who minister in her. As we are assailed on multiple fronts for our faith, enable your ministers to preach your Word in season and out of season; reproving, rebuking, and exhorting, with complete patience and teaching. We especially pray for Oakwood and its sister churches in State College and for Christ Reformed Church in Alexandria. Be with the leaders and the staffs at these churches. Equip them to make disciples in State College and beyond.

Those with particular needs on this holy day ...

For many of us who will not be gathering with our families, we pray for your peace and comfort. We lift up families with members who are afflicted with COVID-19. We especially pray for Liz Plant and for Brian Roberg's dad, Joel. We pray that you might heal them and that they may fully recover from any lingering side-effects caused by the disease. We lift up the vulnerable in our midst that you might shield them from the disease.

We especially lift up those families that have suffered loss in the last couple of months. We pray for the Hovinghs as Ernest's brother died in the line of duty on Thursday, for the Falbs as Ryan's mom passed into glory on Wednesday, for the Rusnak as they mourn for Dave, for the Walshes as they mourn for Cal's brother, for Ben and Maggie Lee as they mourn the loss of their baby, and for the Smiths as they remember the loss of Chadd. Our congregation has suffered much loss this season and we beg that you would comfort our families in their sorrow. For you are father of the fatherless and protector of widows.

We continue to lift up Sandy Kline as she undergoes more treatments. Encourage her and grant her peace during this time. We also pray for Bud Saverance's friend who has prostate cancer. Enable Bud to minister to his friend during this time. We pray for Emerson Witmer as he undergoes corrective surgery for metopic craniosynostosis. Be with the Witmer family as they trust in you through the procedure.

For those of us who are called to the campus, either as students, faculty, staff, or campus ministers, strengthen us to be your light on campus. As we encourage those who are discouraged, give grace to those who are frustrated and angry, and comfort those who have suffered loss, let the world see these good works and give glory to you.

We now pray the Lord's prayer in unison saying:

**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, forever.
Amen.**

**God's Promise to Provide
Our Tithes and Offerings**

[Psalm 132:13-16](#)
[Online Giving Access](#)

THE WORD OF LIFE

[Isaiah 9:7; Luke 2:1-7](#)

Associate Pastor, Rev. Owen Hughes

[THE KING IS HERE - Click Here for Video of the Sermon](#)

^{9:7} 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.

^{2:1} In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8:30 SERVICE RESPONSE

Psalm of Reflection - [Psalm 2](#)

Leader: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

God's People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us."

Leader: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

God's People: Then He will speak to them in His wrath, and terrify them in His fury, saying, "As for me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill."

Leader: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You.

God's People: Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Leader: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

God's People: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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CHORUS

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,”
we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—
upheld, protected, gathered up.

CHORUS

2. In the dark of night before the dawn,
my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how
long! O God of Jacob, be my strength!

CHORUS

3. Every vow we’ve broken and
betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind
us together, bring shalom.

CHORUS

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

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.