

GROWING
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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 5, 2021

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 offer nursery for ages 7 months to 3 years during the sermon in the 11:15 am service. We also offer "Stepping Stones" in both the 8:30 am and the 11:15 am services during the sermon for 3 years - 1st grade. For both Nursery and Stepping Stones, children will need to check-in through our new Church Center system. Unsure what to do? Reach out to one of our volunteers in the gathering space to help you with the process.

December 5, 2021

Prelude

8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 - Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Ben Lee

Second Sunday of Advent

Ezekiel 37:24-27; Galatians 4:4-7

8:30 SERVICE ADVENT

Bill and Liz Plant

11:15 SERVICE ADVENT

The Groner Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Low Was Our Redeemer Brought

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1. How low was our Redeemer brought
The King who held the stars
Lay helpless in a maiden's arms
And pressed against her heart
While sheep and cattle raised their voice
The Babe could speak no words
The ever flowing Spring of Joy
Had come to share our thirst

2. How low was our Redeemer brought
The Lord the worlds obeyed
Would stumble as He learned to walk
Upon the ground He'd made
The One the angels bowed before
Would kneel to wash our feet
And be at home among the poor
Though He owned everything

3. How low was our Redeemer brought
To raise us from our shame
And now the highest praise of all
Belongs to Jesus' name
The Healer wounded on a tree
To bear our grief and sin
The King gave up His crown so we
Could ever reign with Him

ENDING

How low was our Redeemer brought
To raise us from our shame
And now the highest praise of all
Belongs to Jesus' name

CHORUS

Gloria gloria in the highest
Gloria gloria in the highest

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn #208

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Angels We Have Heard On High

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1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

CHORUS

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

CHORUS

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Philippians 2:1-4

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God's Promise to Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Hymn #211

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Jesus Messiah

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1. He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become
His righteousness;
He humbled Himself,
and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

BRIDGE

All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.

CHORUS

CHORUS

Jesus Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

2. His body the bread,
His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled,
and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

CHORUS

God's Promise to Hear

Prayer of Petition

God's Promise to Provide

Our Tithes and Offerings

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Elder Brian Roberg

Psalms 111:2-5

Offertory

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Luke 2:1-12

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE UNEXPECTED COMING OF THE LORD

^{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 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn #200

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 SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Dan Kiehl

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. Pre-packaged communion elements are located near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Mercy Fund Offering

Remain seated until the offering is taken

Our deacons will use this offering to meet the material needs of our congregation and the community.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn #214

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

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

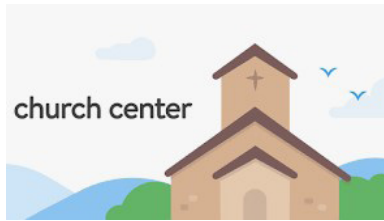
Numbers 6:24-26

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

8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians



Welcome to Oakwood Church Center!

Check-ins on Sunday Morning:

You will check in your child(ren) once on Sunday morning for both Stepping Stones and Sunday School. This means you will use the same pick-up sticker for both pickups, so make sure you don't misplace it (or give it to the teacher). Note: teachers will still need to verify your pickup code, but keep the pickup sticker and leave your child's sticker on!

Check-ins for Nursery during the Service:

Parents are required to check in nursery-age children in the Nursery room when they are dropped off during the service.



*Please join us for a
Christmas Eve service
December 24
3:00 pm or 5:30 pm*

OAKWOOD LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

**Livestream available for the
11:15 am worship service at
www.oakwoodpca.org/live**

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

**Want to receive the weekly email
announcements? You can fill out the
tear off portion of the bulletin and check
“Receive the e-announcements,” send an
email to churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org
or sign up on the website at
www.oakwoodpca.org**



**Looking to get involved
with a community of
believers on campus?**

Contact Cam Smith:
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RUF International



HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

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

ARE YOU NEW HERE?



Please tear off this section, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate, 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:

- ☐ Receive the e-announcements
- ☐ Add my info to the directory
- ☐ Update my contact information

Have a prayer request?

Please write it on the other side.

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

Learn about ministry events
going on throughout the week,
& learn more about our church online!

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