

GROWING
BEARING
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OUT ROOTS



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 12, 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 12, 2021

Prelude

8:30 – Deborah Lee | 11:15 - Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Ben Lee

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 1:67-79

8:30 SERVICE ADVENT

The Kroeker Family

11:15 SERVICE ADVENT

The Schneider Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

Heaven Has Come To Us

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1. Unto us from on high
Reaching down into the deepest night
To the world hope has come
In the dark the Light of Life
has dawned

3. Unto us grace has come
Here to seek and bring
the sinner home
Lived to die rose to reign
Son of Man the Lamb for sinners slain

CHORUS

What a myst'ry oh what love
Oh how can it be
that Heaven has come

2. Unto us meek and mild
God eternal born a helpless child
Set aside Heaven's throne
Veiled in weakness came unto His own

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Colossians 1:15-20

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.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn #203

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;

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

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

REFRAIN

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

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Romans 1:18-23

Silent Prayer

Ephesians 2:13-16

Hymn #216

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.

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter VIII “Of Christ the Mediator”, Paragraphs 4 and 5

In Unison

The Lord Jesus undertook this office [of mediator] completely willingly. So that that He might carry it out, He was made to be under the Law, and He perfectly fulfilled it. He endured grievous torments directly in His soul, and very painful sufferings in His body; He was crucified, died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day He rose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered, with which also He ascended to heaven, and sits there now at the right hand of his Father, making intercession; He shall return to judge people and angels at the end of the world.

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He offered up to God once, through the eternal Spirit, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father and has purchased not only reconciliation but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for all those whom the Father has given to Him.

God’s Promise to Hear

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer of Petition

Elder Conal Carr

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.*

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

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

Congregational Song

**Congregation to remain seated and sing as we receive our tithes and offerings.*

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Hymn #207

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE WORD OF LIFE*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE UNEXPECTED DELIVERANCE

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn #218

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Hallelujah for the Cross

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1. Up to the hill of Calvary,
My Savior went courageously
And there he bled and died for me,
Hallelujah for the cross
And on that day the world was changed,
A final, perfect lamb was slain
Let earth and heaven now proclaim,
Hallelujah for the cross

CHORUS

Hallelujah for the war He fought,
Love has won, Death has lost
Hallelujah for the souls He bought,
Hallelujah for the cross

2. What good I've done
could never save,
My debt too great for deeds to pay
But God, my Savior, made a way,
Hallelujah for the cross

A slave to sin, my life was bound,
But all my chains fell to the ground
When Jesus' blood came flowing down,
Hallelujah for the cross

CHORUS

3. And when I breathe my final breath,
I'll have no need to fear that rest
This hope will guide me in-to death,
Hallelujah for the cross

CHORUS

** Parents are asked to pick up their children from Stepping Stones and nursery.*

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

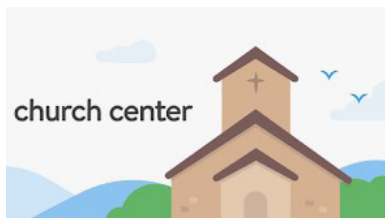
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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 – Deborah Lee | 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 if they have not been checked in previously.



*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?

Complete online by using the QR code or complete the section
below and place it in the offering plate.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?



Complete online by using the QR code or complete the section below and place it in the offering plate.

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 complete 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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