

GROWING
BEARING
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OUT ROOTS



Oakwood

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 19, 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, you can use the QR Code to the right, complete 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 19, 2021

Prelude 8:30 – Amy Gustafson | 11:15 - Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dan Kiehl

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 60:1-5, John 1:9-18

8:30 SERVICE ADVENT

The Dvorsky Family

11:15 SERVICE ADVENT

The Manahan Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prepare Him Room

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1. O behold the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on
the virgin foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide you ancient gates
For Christ is born today

3. Oh our hearts as busy as Bethlehem
Hear Him knock don't say
there's no room in the inn
Through the cradle cross and grave
See the love of God displayed
Now He's risen and He reigns
Praise the Name above all names

CHORUS

Prepare Him room prepare Him room
Let the King of Glory enter in

2. God with us
the promise has come to be
This the one the prophets
were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
To the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near
For those with ears to hear

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Hymn #195

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

by James Montgomery, Henry Thomas Smart, and Bill Wolaver

1. Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

CHORUS

Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant Light

CHORUS

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great Desire of nations
Ye have seen His natal star

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

4. Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His
Temple shall appear

CHORUS

5. All creation, join in praising God the
Father, Spirit, Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One

CHORUS

Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

What Child Is This

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.

Psalm 32:8-9

Silent Prayer

Psalm 32:1-2, 5

Hymn #213

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Confession of Faith - The Nicene Creed

In Unison

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all worlds,
God from God, Light from Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 62:5-6

Prayer of Petition

Elder Dave Borch

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

Psalm 62:7-8
Congregational Song

**Congregation remains seated and sings the hymns below as we receive our tithes and offerings.*

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn #201

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

What Child is This

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1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Luke 2:8-20

Assistant Pastor, Rev. Ben Lee

UNEXPECTED JOY; THE PARADOX OF ADVENT

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.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn #224

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning over us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

** 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

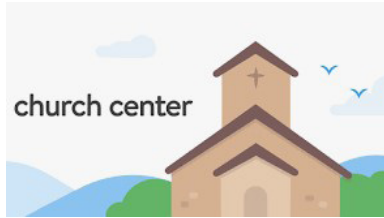
1 Peter 5:10-11

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 – Amy Gustafson | 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

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with a community of
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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

ARE YOU NEW HERE?



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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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