



BELLEFONTE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are a people loved by God and placed by Him to bless
the people of Bellefonte and surrounding communities.*

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

DECEMBER 4, 2022



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GROWING ROOTS.

BEARING FRUIT.

BRANCHING OUT.

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 and "Stepping Stones" for 3 years - 1st grade during the sermon in both the 8:30 am and the 11:15 am service. For both Nursery and Stepping Stones, children will need to check-in through our Church Center system. PLEASE NOTE: children need to be picked up by a parent during the last song. Unsure what to do? Reach out to one of our ushers or talk to someone at the Welcome Center.

December 4, 2022

Prelude	8:30 - Lynn Shields 11:15 - Oakwood Musicians
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Ben Lee
Second Sunday of Advent	<i>Micah 5:2-5; Galatians 4:4-7</i>
8:30 SERVICE ADVENT	Sue Ellen Speicher
11:15 SERVICE ADVENT	Daityn Rothrock

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation *Isaiah 60:1-3*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn #214

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.

CHORUS

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

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

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Richard Smith

God's Law

Our Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

What Child Is This

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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1. Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the saints Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2. Joy to those who long to see thee,
Day-spring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder;
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Philippians 2:1-4

Silent Prayer

Philippians 3:8-9

Hymn #213

4. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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

Psalm 9:9-10

Offertory

THE WORD OF LIFE*

John 16:33

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

OUT OF THE COMFORT ZONE: SENDING

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

God's Promise
Prayer of Petition

Matthew 28:18-20
Oakwood Elders

THE WORD OF LIFE

Genesis 12:1-3

Bellefonte Pastor, Rev. Owen Hughes

OUT OF THE COMFORT ZONE: GOING

¹² Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Hymn #146

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

O Church Arise

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1. O church arise
And put your armor on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak
Can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is Love
Reaching out to those in darkness

2. Our call to war
To love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword
That makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on every side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have
The prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations

3. Come see the cross
Where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes
Lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him

4. So Spirit come
Put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run
With faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls
And hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Owen Hughes

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.

Mercy Fund Offering

Our Deacons will use this offering to meet the material needs in our congregation and the community.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymn #226

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Almost Home

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1. Don't drop a single anchor
We're almost home
Through every toil and danger
We're almost home
How many pilgrim saints
Have before us gone
No stopping now
We're almost home

2. The promised land is calling
We're almost home
And not a tear shall fall then
We're almost home
Make ready now your souls
For that kingdom come
No turning back
We're almost home

CHORUS

Almost home
We're almost home
So press on t'ward that blessed shore
Oh praise the Lord
We're almost home

3. This journey ours together
We're almost home
Unto that great forever
We're almost home
What song anew we'll sing
'round that happy throne
Come faint of heart
We're almost home

CHORUS

4. This life is just a vapor
We're almost home
That sun is setting yonder
We're almost home
Take courage for this darkness
Shall break to dawn
Oh lift your eyes
We're almost home

CHORUS

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 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Please plan to join us for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service on December 24, 4:00 pm at Oakwood. Bellefonte Presbyterian Church will also be holding their own Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm.

OAKWOOD ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Online giving is available by going to www.oakwoodpca.org/give

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:
cam.smith@ruf.org

Contact Richard Smith:
richard.smith@ruf.org for RUF International

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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

GET >>>> CONNECTED



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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
- Get more info about Oakwood

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!

www.oakwoodpca.org

OAKWOOD CHURCH OFFICE

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