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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DECEMBER 11, 2022

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 11, 2022

Prelude 8:30 – Gerrett Banyay | 11:15 - Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

First Sunday of Advent Jeremiah 31:31-34; Philippians 2:5-11

8:30 SERVICE ADVENT Josh and Petra Nordlander

11:15 SERVICE ADVENT Logan and Kayla Faux-Dugan

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Isaiah 12:4-6

And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

"Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

for great in your[midst is the Holy One of Israel."

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Hymn #195

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Joyful Joyful

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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 heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow flashing sea
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

4. Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Well spring 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

3. Mortals join this happy chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er 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

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Galatians 3:10

Corporate Confession

God Almighty, we need forgiveness.

We have tried to heal ourselves from the guilt of sin.

Instead of trusting in the death of Christ

We have tried to work off our guilt.

We have tried to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins.

We have tried to change through our own efforts.

But self righteousness leaves us arrogant and in despair

Father, forgive us for neglecting your grace.

Help us to rest fully in the finished work of Christ.

And heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God's Promise to Pardon

Galatians 4:4-7

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Away in a Manger

Hymn #204

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.

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

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

CHORUS

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

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 18, Paragraphs 1-2

In Unison

“...those who truly believe in the Lord Jesus, who honestly love him and try to walk in good conscience before him, may in this life be assured with certainty that they are in a state of grace. They may also rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, and they will never be ashamed of that hope.

This certainty is not based on the fallible hope of guesswork or probabilities. Rather, it is the infallible assurance of faith, established on the divine truth of the promises of salvation. There is also the inner evidence of spiritual insight, given to us by God, to which these promises are directed. And there is the testimony of the Spirit of adoption, witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God. This Spirit is the pledge of our inheritance. By him we are sealed until the day of redemption.”

God's Promise to Hear

Hebrews 6:19-20

Prayer of Petition

Rev. Ben Lee

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

2 Corinthians 9:10

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Hymn #218

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.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

THE WORD OF LIFE*

John 6:35-40

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE COMFORT IN SOVEREIGNTY

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn #203

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.

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

CHORUS

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

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

CHORUS

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

CHORUS

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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 – Oakwood Brass Ensemble | 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 hold their own Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm.

OAKWOOD LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

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

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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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