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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DECEMBER 18, 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 18, 2022

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| Prelude | 8:30 – Jennifer Banyay 11:15 - Oakwood Musicians |
| Welcome and Announcements | Rev. Ben Lee |
| Fourth Sunday of Advent | Isaiah 60:1-5, John 1:9-18 |
| 8:30 SERVICE ADVENT | The Banyay Family |
| 11:15 SERVICE ADVENT | The Haushalter Family |

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Isaiah 44:21-23

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it!

For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn #208

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Joy to the World!

Words by Isaac Watts based on Psalms 98, 1719. Music by George Frideric Handel. Antioch C.M. rep. Arranged by Lowell Mason, 1836.
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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven
and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world
with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

Corporate Confession

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin,
but in you there is an abundance of mercy.

We are empty vessels needing to be filled; fill us.

We are weak in faith; strengthen us.

We are cold in love; warm us.

And comfort our hearts in Christ so that might be a comfort to one another.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Our Prayer of Confession
God's Promise to Pardon

Silent Prayer
Isaiah 12:1-2

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn #201

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth!

3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the
blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this
world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend
to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born
in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the
great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord
Emmanuel!

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Questions 7-13

in Modern English by Douglas F. Kelly and Philip Rollinson

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are His eternal plan, based on the purpose of His will, by which, for His own glory, He has foreordained everything that happens.

Q. 8. How does God carry out His decrees?

A. God carries out His decrees in creation and providence.

Q. 9. What is creation?

A. Creation is God's making everything out of nothing by His powerful word in six days - and all very good.

Q. 10. How did God create man?

A. God created man, male and female, in His own image and in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, to rule over the other creatures.

Q. 11. What is God's providence?

A. God's providence is His completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action.

Q. 12. What did God's providence specifically do for man whom He created?

A. After the creation God made a covenant with man to give him life, if he perfectly obeyed; God told him not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil or he would die.

Q. 13. Did our first parents remain as they were created?

A. Left to the freedom of their own wills, our first parents sinned against God and fell from their original condition.

God's Promise to Hear

Prayer of Petition

God's Promise to Provide

Our Tithes and Offerings

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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1. I heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth good will to men

2. And thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth good will to men

4. And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth good will to men

5. Then pealed the bells
More loud and deep
God is not dead nor doth He sleep
The wrong shall fail the right prevail
With peace on earth good will to men

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Isaiah 40:10-11

Elder Dave Borch

Isaiah 40:30-31

Offertory

Hymn #211

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.

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 GROWS HIS CHURCH

8:30 SERVICE

Membership Vows

We Praise His Work

Lynn Cannon

Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE WORD OF LIFE*

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

COMFORTED IN ORDER TO COMFORT

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. ⁶ If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn #200

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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CHORUS

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

CHORUS

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth.

CHORUS

3. Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

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 join us for the Christmas Eve Candlelight service on December 24, 4:00 pm at Oakwood.

OAKWOOD ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

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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
- 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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