

Comfort My People

Isaiah 40:1



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Prelude

Oakwood Brass Ensemble

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Weath

Isaiah 11:1-5, Colossians 1:15-20

The Ewing Family

SPECIAL MUSIC

Glory

Oakwood Musicians

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1. Come, fall at His feet
Lift your voice, sing to the King
Go and tell everyone
He is here, Christ the Lord

3. Good will to all men,
Let there be peace upon the earth
Hope has come to us,
The maker of the universe

CHORUS

Glory, fills the sky
Emmanuel, is born tonight
God and sinner reconciled
Emmanuel, is born tonight

CHORUS

2. Give, all that you are
Keep your eyes, fixed on the star
Make Him room, inside your heart
He's the one, we've waited for

CHORUS

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Jo-seph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Public Domain. Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Rowland Prichard.

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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

SONG OF PRAISE

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;

REFRAIN

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

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

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Late in flesh appearing;

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

^{2:1} In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL MUSIC

Away in a Manger

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Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

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.

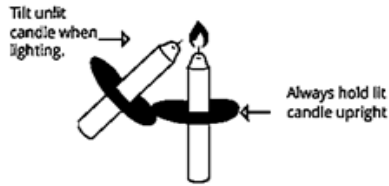
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

THE WORD OF LIFE

Christmas Meditation

Rev. Owen Hughes Luke 2:1-7



CANDLE LIGHTING

When lighting your candle, tilt the unlit candle toward the flame so the lit candle can remain upright. This will prevent wax burns and spills.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peace, Peace

Ladies Ensemble

SONG OF PRAISE

Silent Night*

Public Domain. Author: Joseph Mohr; Translator (Sts. 1, 3): J. Freeman Young. Tune: STILLE NACHT.

1. Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heav'n afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia,
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

4. Silent night! Holy night!

Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Benediction

Rev. Owen Hughes

Postlude

Rick Betts



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES**

DECEMBER 25
8:30 AM OR 11:15 AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Sunday School for all ages!

Sundays @ 10-11am

No Sunday School Dec. 25 or Jan. 1

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OAKWOOD YOUTH MINISTRY!

All youth grades 6-12 are welcome!

Sundays @ 6-8pm

Meetings Resume Jan. 8, 2022



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with a community of
believers on campus?**

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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Please tear off this section, write your name on the other side,
and place it hand it to an usher.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

Please tear off this section, fill it out, and hand it to an usher.

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
 Update my contact information

Have a prayer request?
Please write it on the other side.

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