



# The Weary World Rejoices!



**Oakwood**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 25, 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](mailto:churchoffice@oakwoodpca.org).



*For those with small children, we offer nursery for ages 7 months to 3 years 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 25, 2022**

**Prelude** 8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 - Jennifer and Garrett Banyay

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Silent Time of Reflection** Preparing our hearts for Worship

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**God's Word of Invitation** *Luke 2:10-14*

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,

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

**8:30 SERVICE MUSIC**

**Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

Hymn #207

**11:15 SERVICE MUSIC**

**Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

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1. Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
Earth and heav'n before him bow,  
And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

2. Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
And man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian men, rejoice,  
With heart, and soul, and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

**Our Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Richard Smith

# THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**God's Law**

*Isaiah 2:12,17*

## **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, we confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to evil, unable of ourselves to do any good; who, by reason of our sinfulness, transgress Your holy commandments.

O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and deplore our sins!

Be pleased to have compassion on us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant us the daily increase of Your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

We trust You for these graces on the basis of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Our Prayer of Confession**

Silent Prayer

## **God's Promise to Pardon**

*Isaiah 53:4-5*

## **8:30 SERVICE MUSIC**

### **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Hymn #216

## **11:15 SERVICE MUSIC**

### **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Words: Traditional carol in Spiewniczek Piesni Koscielne, 1908; translated from Polish to English by Edith M. Reed, 1921. Music: W Zlobie Lezy, Polish carol; arranged by Edith M. Reed. | CCLI License No. 478868

1. Infant holy, Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds  
Keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
Tidings of a Gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the Babe was born for you.  
Christ the Babe was born for you.

# THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

## Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 35 and 36

Leader: What does the Apostle's Creed mean when it says that Christ "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?

**God's People: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David's true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.**

Leader: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

**God's People: He is our mediator and, in God's sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.**

**God's Promise to Hear**

*Isaiah 49:14-15*

**Prayer of Petition**

Pastoral Intern Austin Hess

**God's Promise to Provide**

*Isaiah 65:17-19*

**Our Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

**8:30 SERVICE MUSIC**

**As with Gladness Men of Old**

Hymn #226

**11:15 SERVICE MUSIC**

**As with Gladness Men of Old**

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1. As with gladness, men of old  
Did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious God, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

4. Holy Jesus, every day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

2. As with joyful steps they sped  
To that lowly cradle bed,  
There to bend the knee before  
Him Whom Heaven and earth adore;  
So may we with willing feet  
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

5. In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light;  
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
Thou its sun which goes not down;  
There forever may we sing  
Alleluias to our King!

3. As they offered gifts most rare  
At that cradle rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

# THE WORD OF LIFE\*

**Isaiah 66:7-24**

Associate Pastor Rev. Ben Lee

## THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES

<sup>7</sup> “Before she was in labor  
she gave birth;

before her pain came upon her  
she delivered a son.

<sup>8</sup> Who has heard such a thing?  
Who has seen such things?

Shall a land be born in one day?

Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment?

For as soon as Zion was in labor  
she brought forth her children.

<sup>9</sup> Shall I bring to the point of birth and not cause to bring forth?”  
says the Lord;

“shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb?”  
says your God.

<sup>10</sup> “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her;

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious abundance.”

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord:

“Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,

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and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,  
and bounced upon her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As one whom his mother comforts,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bones shall flourish like the grass;  
and the hand of the Lord shall be known to his servants,  
and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

#### Final Judgment and Glory of the Lord

<sup>15</sup> “For behold, the Lord will come in fire,  
and his chariots like the whirlwind,  
to render his anger in fury,  
and his rebuke with flames of fire.

<sup>16</sup> For by fire will the Lord enter into judgment,  
and by his sword, with all flesh;  
and those slain by the Lord shall be many.

<sup>17</sup> “Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go into the gardens,  
following one in the midst, eating pig’s flesh and the abomination and  
mice, shall come to an end together, declares the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming  
to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see  
my glory,<sup>19</sup> and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send  
survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow,  
to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard  
my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the  
nations.<sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an  
offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules  
and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just  
as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house



of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> “For as the new heavens and the new earth  
that I make  
shall remain before me, says the Lord,  
so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup> From new moon to new moon,  
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
declares the Lord.

<sup>24</sup> “And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”

### 8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

#### Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn #224

### 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.

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

#### CHORUS

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

## THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### God's Promise of Blessing

*Isaiah 65:17-18*

#### 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 - Jennifer and Garrett Banyay

## ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Did you know you can donate your tithes and offerings to Oakwood online? Your generous gifts help provide for the needs of our ministries at a time when the world desperately needs the witness of the church.

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**HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?**

# GET >>>> CONNECTED



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## 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!

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