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Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 3, 2023



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.

Get connected on Church Center: 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.



Children in Worship: 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 3, 2023

Prelude 8:30 – Jenny Choi | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements Men's Breakfast, Dec. 9, 8:00 am

8:30 Oakwood Choir *He is Born*

Silent time of reflection

We believe in... one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all worlds,
God from God, Light from Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven; and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

- *The Nicene Creed*

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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

Hymn #198

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

Angels We Have Heard On High

Words: Traditional French carol (Les Anges dans Nos Campagnes); translated from French to English by James Chadwick in Crown of Jesus, 1862. Music: GLORIA (BARNES), French carol melody; arranged by Edwin S. Barnes. | CCLI License No. 478868

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

Pastor Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Leviticus 18:1-5

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your law says, 'do this and live.' We confess that we have not obeyed your law. We have broken all of your commandments times without number, for which we have earned your just wrath. Father, we repent and come by faith to Christ who has earned our forgiveness. Produce in us fruits of repentance that others may see our good works and give glory to you. Amen.

God's Promise to Pardon

Romans 5:6-9

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone in Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hands?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand

CHORUS

O sing HALLELUJAH!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing HALLELUJAH!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

2. What truth can calm
the troubled soul?
God is good God is good
Where is His grace
and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

CHORUS

3. Unto the grave what shall we sing?
Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Advent Reading

Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:26-33

8:30 – Tom and Jan Witmer | 11:15 – The Fillmann Family

God's Promise to Hear

Proverbs 3:5-6

Prayer of Petition

PCA Day Of Prayer

Elder Jeremy Amaismeier

God's Promise to Provide

Hebrews 11:6

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

8:30 Oakwood Choir

Cradle Song

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

○ Holy Night

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1. O holy night
the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world
in sin and error pining
Till He appeared
and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks
a new and glorious morn

2. Truly He taught us
to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break
for the slave is our brother
And in His name
all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy
in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

CHORUS

Fall on your knees
○ hear the angel voices
○ night divine
○ night when Christ was born
○ night O holy night
○ night divine

CHORUS 2

Christ is the Lord
○ praise His name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Hebrews 11:1-7

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dan Kiehl

LIVING IN ANTICIPATION

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn #261

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

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;

REFRAIN

THE SIGN & SEAL OF GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE

God Nourishes Us with Christ

Rev. Richard Smith

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*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn #196

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

God So Loved

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1. Come all you weary,
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well
That never runs dry
Drink of the water,
Come and thirst no more

2. Come all you sinners,
Come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness,
Find what you're looking for

CHORUS

For God so loved
The world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever

3. Bring all your failures,
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down
At the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

CHORUS 2

For God so loved
The world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him
Will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved
God so loved the world

BRIDGE

Praise God, Praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, Praise Him
For the wonders of His love

CHORUS 2

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

Jude 24-25

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 – Jenny Choi | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians



OAKWOOD ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

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

WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OAKWOOD?

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Looking to get involved with a community of believers on campus?

Contact Cam Smith:
cam.smith@ruf.org

Contact Richard Smith:
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HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Complete online by using the QR code or complete the section below and place it in the offering plate.

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!

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