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BRANCHING
OUT ROOTS**



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 17, 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 17, 2023

Prelude 8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements Women's Bible Reading Challenge

8:30 Oakwood Choir *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question and Answer 21:

Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation *Luke 2:46-49*

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Hymn #195

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. Public Domain | Arranged by Keith Getty and Fionan de Barra

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.

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.

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.

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Hebrews 2:1-4

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God Almighty, we humbly confess that we are prone to wander; prone to wander from your law and prone to wander from your grace. The pleasures of this world appeal to us more than your promises. We believe the lie that good can be found in something other than your Son. Father, forgive our sins and increase our faith in Christ, who ever lives to intercede for us. Amen

God's Promise to Pardon

Isaiah 41:8-10

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn #216

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray

3. Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface.

CHORUS

O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

CHORUS

2. From God our heav'nly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name.

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Advent Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Philippians 2:5-11

8:30 – Simon and Deb Tack | 11:15 – The Crispin Family

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**God's Promise to Hear
Prayer of Petition**

Psalm 27:4
Ling Rothrock

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
Our Tithes and Offerings**

Matthew 6:19-21
Offertory
Angels' Carol

8:30 Oakwood Choir

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn #200

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

On That Day

Songwriters: Michael Farren / Rich Thompson / Nigel Hendroff / Jonny Robinson / Scott Lavender On That Day Lyrics © Cityalight Music | CCLI License No. 478868

1. I believe in Christ,
Risen from the dead
He now reigns victorious,
His kingdom knows no end
Through His resurrection,
Death has lost its hold
I know on that final day,
I'll rise as Jesus rose

2. What a blessed hope,
Though now tired and worn
We will spend eternity
Around our Saviour's throne
Though we grieve our losses,
We grieve not in vain
For we know our crown of glory
Waits beyond the grave

CHORUS

On that day, we will see You
Shining brighter than the sun
On that day, we will know You
As we lift our voice as one
'Til that day, we will praise You
For Your never-ending grace
And we will keep on singing on that
glorious day

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Hallelujah, what a day it will be!
For at home with You,
My joy is complete
As I run into Your arms open wide,
I will see
My Father who is waiting for me

CHORUS

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Hebrews 11:23-29

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

Living for Heaven's Treasure

²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymn #226

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.

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

1 Peter 5:10-11

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

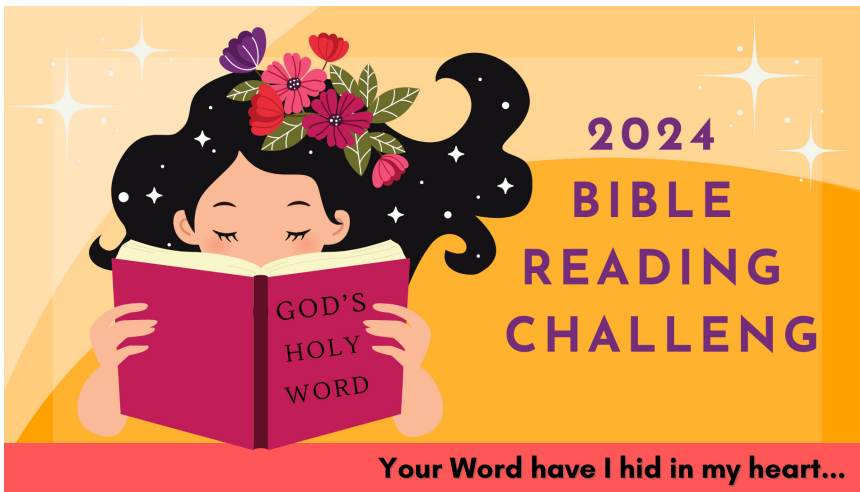
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HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2023 | 6:00 PM

OAKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1865 WADDLE ROAD, STATE COLLEGE



WOMEN'S ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

The women of Oakwood are invited to take on this year's Fourth Annual Bible Reading Challenge starting January 1, 2024. Let's read our way through God's Word together, encouraging and sharing our thoughts about the daily assigned passages through the Church Center App and other social media. You can find the new Church Center group forming by logging into oakwoodpca.churchcenter.com and look for *2024 Women's Bible Reading Challenge*.

Look for the details of where you can access the plan online or get the printed copy of the reading plan coming out soon!

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:
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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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