

*That they
may be
called*

OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 22, 2024



Join Us for Our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2024 @ 6:00 pm



WELCOME

By God's grace, we long 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.

GROWING ROOTS...BEARING FRUIT...
BRANCHING OUT.

December 22, 2024

Prelude

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

Announcements

Christmas Eve Service

8:30 Oakwood Choir

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

11:15 Silent time of reflection

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,

by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn #203

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!

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Dan Kiehl

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Luke 12:13-15

Our Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

God's Promise to Pardon

Romans 10:9-13

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn #201

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Advent Explanation

“Advent is a tradition observed throughout many centuries of church history, where the four Sundays leading up to Christmas day are focused upon the “advent” (“coming” or “arrival”) of Jesus Christ. With its association to the celebration of Christmas, it’s primary focus has been upon Christ’s first coming, His incarnation. But, historically, Advent has also been a time to focus on Christ’s second coming, when He will bring to completion the deliverance and transformation promised to His people and all creation.”

Advent Reading

Isaiah 60:1-5, John 1:9-18

8:30 – The Erdley Family | 11:15 – Nathan Tack

Isaiah 60:1-5

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

John 1:9-18

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

**God's Promise to Hear
Prayer of Petition
God's Promise to Provide
Our Tithes and Offerings
8:30 Oakwood Choir**

Luke 1:46-50
Elder Dave Borch

Luke 1:51-55
Offertory

The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Hymn #211

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

O 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
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

CHORUS 2

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

GOD GROWS HIS CHURCH

11:15 SERVICE

Baptism

Jesse James Scott

God Seals His Promise

Rev. Dan Kiehl

Great Is Thy Faithfulness Chorus

*“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!*

THE WORD OF LIFE*

Luke 1:26-38

Associate Pastor Rev. Ben Lee

BELIEVING THE UNBELIEVABLE GOSPEL

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 Joseph, 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.

SERMON NOTES

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Hymn #207

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 40:10-11

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

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

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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.

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