



**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023 at 11:00 am**

GATHERING IN FAITH

“He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us the same words: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.”
Albert Schweitzer, 1906

Trinity Chimes

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Prelude

Organ

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson/arr. Wayne L. Wold

*I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.*

*In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

Welcome

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Steve Wilson

Please sign, pass and return Friendship Record pads during this time of announcements.

Call to Worship

Steve Wilson

Leader: Jesus proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom.

People: The time is fulfilled.

Leader: Repent and believe the good news.

People: The kingdom of God is at hand.

*Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal, No.263

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing)

Steve Wilson

Prayer of Confession

Ronnie Bailey

**Holy God, Your Word says that this is judgment: that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness more than light because our deeds are evil. We have no good
response that gets us off the hook. We have become comfortable in the dark.**

...time for silent confession

*Almighty God, make us into a people who are attracted to Your light, so that all may see
clearly that our deeds have been done in Your name for Your sake. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has
begun. If you are in Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

People: Amen!

*Act of Praise

Congregation Singing

Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Hymnal, No. 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Deb Nichols

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Pew Bible, OT, page 638

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with the Children

Ronnie Bailey

Children go to JAM after time with children.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Pew Bible, NT, page 3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Revealing a Great Light in a Land of Darkness

Steve Crocco

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Hymnal, No.462

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine; scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.**

Faith Community Concerns, the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Steve Wilson

**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 forever. Amen.**

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Call to Offering

Steve Crocco

A Choral Offering

Chancel Choir

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson/arr. Dodd Lamberton

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*In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

*I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.*

*I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.*

- Kathleen Thomerson

*Doxology

using tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Steve Crocco

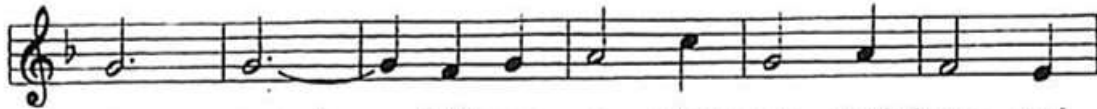
SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication

Will You Come and Follow Me



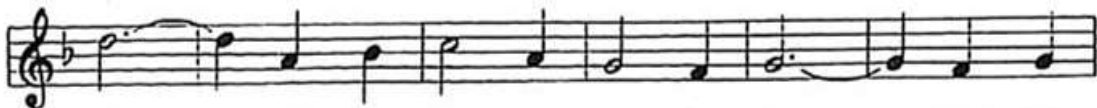
1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ___ will you let my name be known, ___ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
 found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
 go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

*Charge and Blessing

Steve Crocco

Postlude
Siyahamba

Organ
 South African Freedom Song /arr. John A. Behnke

We are marching/dancing/praying/singing in the Light of God.

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship next Sunday, January 29– 8:30 am and 11:00 am 4th Sunday of Epiphany. Rev. Steve Wilson will preach *The Promise of Blessing* based on Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12.

Early Worship at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary – a more intimate service, approximately 45 minutes, with a simple worship order including the sermon and two congregational hymns with piano accompaniment.

Service for The Lord's Day - at 11:00 am – in the sanctuary. This traditional worship service includes a fuller liturgy, with sermon and congregational hymns. A variety of musical styles are offered by our various choirs accompanied by the pipe organ, piano and other musical instruments. **Next Sunday** sharing in the Ministry of Music will be Jane Miller, guest organist.

JAM stands for “**J**esus **A**nd **M**e” and will be our 2 classes for children. PreK through Grade 2 and Grades 3-6. We welcome any middle schoolers who desire to mentor and build relationships with our younger kids. **JAM** will be held after Children's Time that takes place during worship. We will have an engaging, fun, children's sermon and following that, children will join their classes in the education wing upstairs.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers – would you like to place flowers in the sanctuary some Sunday to provide visual beauty to worship? One or two arrangements are welcome each week and can be placed *in memory of loved ones, in celebration of an event or to honor someone*, and all to the Glory of God. **Contact Carla Lowman (412-826-5914) to RSVP your date** with info and wording for the bulletin. **Available dates: Jan 29; Feb 12, 19, 26.**

Your OPC Family Cares About You! Because there are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member (mstecik@oakmontpresby.org) so we may support you in your time of need. You are loved!

Prayer Requests - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: prayers@oakmontpresby.org or contact Carol Heimerich at 412.242.1028.

Soups On crew made three soups on Jan 19: Black Bean, Minestrone and Potato, Sauerkraut, Kielbasa which are available in the downstairs freezer for a loved one or neighbor who needs a cup of cheer! **Feb 16 at 10am – next soup making event.**

Confirmation Class (grades 7-12) Next classes are **Feb 5 and 19, Mar 12 and 26 at Noon.** Youth will be joining the church on June 4, 2023. Contact Ronnie Bailey (r.bailey@oakmontpresby.org) with questions.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) – Jan 22 and 29, Feb 26, March 19, Apr 2 and May 21 at Noon. Contact Ronnie Bailey (r.bailey@oakmontpresby.org) with questions.

Food Donations - The Deacons thank you for your continued support and donations to the food banks at RCAC and Verona Methodist Church. This outreach helps to support so many families in our community. Please continue to put your donations in the shopping carts or drop off any financial donations in the office or in the collection plate. Any questions, please contact Judy Murray 724-816-7561.

CAT SURVEY UPDATE: Last week we told you about the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT) we are asking the congregation to complete. Letters explaining the CAT and how to participate were mailed this week. If you have not already received yours, you should have it within the next few days.

This week we will be sending out emails containing the link to take the survey online. If you are not comfortable taking the survey online, you can request a paper copy to complete. Surveys will be available in the church office or call the church office (412.828.5770) to have one mailed to you. *If you have not provided us with your email address and would like to take the survey online, you can access it at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OAKMONTCPA>* If you have questions, please contact Debbie Hays at ralphanddeb27@msn.com or 412-828-4584.

Your honest opinion will be instrumental in not only helping us to choose our interim pastor, but in moving OPC into a vibrant future. We are hoping for 100% participation.

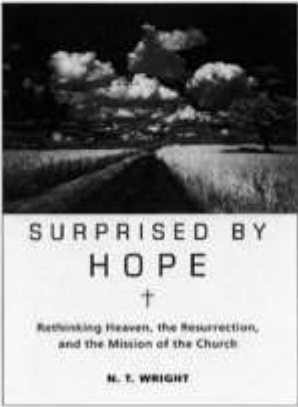
The schedule for **Coffee & Conversation, Sundays, 9:30 am in the Multi-Purpose Room, Surprised by Hope**, has been altered from the original announcement below.

TODAY: *The Hope of Jesus' Second Coming*

Jan 29: *The Hope of Salvation*

Feb 5: *The Hope of the Church*


START YOUR NEW YEAR WITH...
HOPE!



"Coffee and Conversation"
Oakmont Presbyterian Church

Sundays, January 8 - 29, 2022
9:30 - 10:30 am

A video series with
N.T. Wright



N.T. Wright, the leading contemporary New Testament scholar, and an Anglican bishop, is equally at home writing in-depth biblical commentaries and easy-to-follow studies on popular topics. In this DVD series, you will see him in action, as you gain exciting, inspiring—and likely, new—insights into basic aspects of the Christian message. Come to rejoice in *HOPE*.

Dr. Steve Crocco, associate pastor at Oakmont Church, will host these "New Year" sessions.

January 8	<i>Hope for the World</i>
January 15	<i>The Hope of the Resurrection</i>
January 22	<i>The Hope of Heaven</i>
January 29	<i>The Hope of Jesus' Return</i>

Come early for coffee and a donut hole (or two)!!

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY	January 22 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
8:30am	Early Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am	Adult Coffee & Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room)
10:15 am	Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Upper Level)
11:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream and Children’s JAM Classes
12:10 pm	Worship Arts Team Lunch/Meeting (Small Group Room)
12:15 pm	Youth Group (grades 6-12)
MONDAY	January 23
12:00 pm	AA’s (Multi-Purpose Room)
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop #854 (Multi-Purpose Room)
7:15 pm	JuBELLation Ringers (Choir Room)
TUESDAY	January 24
7:00 pm	Our Journey Without Them (Marie Berg Chapel)
WEDNESDAY	January 25
10:00 am	Women’s AA (Dining Room)
THURSDAY	January 26
11:00 am	Bible Study (Small Group Room)
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
8:00 pm	NA’s (Dining Room)
FRIDAY	January 27
SATURDAY	January 28
8:00 pm	AA’s (Dining Room)
SUNDAY	January 29 – 4th Sunday of Epiphany
8:30am	Early Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am	Adult Coffee & Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room)
10:15 am	Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Upper Level)
11:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream and Children’s JAM Classes
12:15 pm	Youth Group (grades 6-12)

OPC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson	Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco	Associate Pastor
Michael P. Frank, III	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Ronnie Bailey	Education Director for Children and Youth
Maureen Stecik	Program Staff Assistant
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