

**Candlelight Worship**  
**Oakmont Presbyterian Church**  
**Christmas Eve 2020 ~ 8:00 pm**

***Welcome to Worship this Holy Night***

*We gather together electronically to celebrate Jesus' birth.*

*We will share in the worship by singing carols, offering prayers and in lighting our candles.*

*Your parts in worship are printed in bold print.*

*We pray that with shepherds of long ago that you may hear afresh the good news of Jesus' birth  
and with the joy of the angel chorus offer God your worship.*

*We invite you to have a candle ready to light later in worship.*

The Music of Christmas (7:50 pm)

*Once In Royal David's City*

*On Christmas Night*

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising*

*I Saw Three Ships*

arr. Robert Buckley Farlee

arr. Michael Burkhardt

arr. David M. Cherwien

arr. Paul Manz

English (trad.) / arr. by The Performers

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

Don Ewing

*Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*

**People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.**

*Leader: There is good news of great joy for all!*

**People: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.** Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christmas Carol of Praise

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Please join in singing**

**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!**

**O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,**

**O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,**

**lo, He shuns not the Virgin's womb;**

**Son of the Father, begotten, not created!**

**O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,**

**O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!**

**Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!**

**O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,**

**O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning,**

**Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n;**

**Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!**

**O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,**

**O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Words: John Francis Wade/trans. Frederick Oakeley

Music: John Francis Wade/Harm. *The English Hymnal*

Prayer of Adoration

Steve Wilson

*Let us pray:*

*Glory to You, Almighty God, for You sent Your only-begotten Son, that we might have new life.*

**Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ, for You became flesh and lived among us that we might become Your people.**

*Glory to You, Holy Spirit, for You direct and rule our lives.*

**Glory to You, Almighty God, and to Your Son, Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

Don Ewing

The Prophet's Proclamation - Isaiah 9:2-7

Christmas Carol

Diane McNally and Ken Crawford

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

arr. Michael Praetorius /arrs. Liam Robinson and Jean Rohe

*Lo! How a rose e're blooming, from tender stem has sprung.*

*Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.*

*It came a flow'ret bright*

*Amid the chill of winter, when half-spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind.*

*With Mary we behold it, the virgin, mother, kind.*

*To show God's love aright*

*She bore to us a savior, when half-spent was the night.*

-German carol, 15th century

The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2:1-7

Steve Wilson

Christmas Carol

Quartet

*Away in a Manger*

William J. Kirkpatrick/arr. Walter L. Pelz

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,*

*The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.*

*The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,*

*The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,*

*But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;*

*I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,*

*And stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay*

*Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.*

*Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,*

*And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there.*

-Sts. 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools & Families*

St. 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*

The Shepherds and the Angels - Luke 8-20

Christmas Carol

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Please join in singing**

*Hymnal, No. 23*

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.**

**Refrain:**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo;**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.**

Words: French carol/trans. James Chadwick

Music: French carol/arr. Edward Shippen Barnes

A Christmas Litany

Don Ewing

*The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.*

**Glory to God in the highest!**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.*

**Glory to God in the highest!**

*For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.*

**Glory to God in the highest!**

*He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**Glory to God in the highest!**

*To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.*

**Glory to God in the highest!**

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us.*

**Glory to God in the highest!**

*Christ is born! Give him glory!*

*Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!*

*Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!*

*O earth, sing to the Lord!*

*O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!*

**Amen!**

Christmas Carol  
*What Child is This?*

Diane McNally and Ken Crawford  
English (trad.) / arr. by The Performers

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?*

Refrain:

*This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

*Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. (refrain)*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him. (refrain)*

-Wm. Chatterton Dix

The Christmas Message

*Lighting Candles This Christmas*

Steve Wilson

A Choral Response  
*His Light In Us †*

Quartet  
Kim André Arnesen

*God's distant call  
flares in the night,  
so long expected, so longed for;  
and all my life,  
Christ called my name,  
and now at last, I'll answer Him.*

*Renewed, His hope,  
his light in us,  
incarnate, fragile,  
our Lord appears,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Eternal,  
so perfect,  
his cry of changeless love.*

*Alive, awake,  
His call is here:  
it is the crying of the Child;  
I know Christ's call,  
its hidden flame,  
it makes my spirit flare with hope!*

*Renewed, his hope,  
his light in us...*

*This root, this stem, this flowering Love,  
this mustard seed, it grows to the greatest tree,  
the birds of souls have nested there.  
The light of the night  
Now blazes at dawn!*

*You've lead me here,  
O little child,  
your being singing with God's life.  
The kingdom sings,  
it choirs with earth,  
all creation lives Christ's peace.*

*Renewed, his hope,  
his light in us...*

- Euan Tait

Prayers of Intercession

Don Ewing

*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the life of the world, saying: O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for the church... (silent or spoken prayers may be offered for each topic)*

*With Mary, help us to treasure and ponder the gift that has been given to us, a gift of good news and great joy for all. O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for the world...*

*With the prophets, help us to proclaim the promise of Your peace for all nations and Your justice for all people. O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for this community...*

*With the shepherds, help us to keep watch over those entrusted to our care and all who need protection this night. O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.***

*We pray for loved ones...*

*With the angels, help us to offer signs of hope, comfort, and joy for all who live in fear. O Christ, our light, **hear our prayer.***

*Lord Jesus Christ, hope of the world, help us to bear witness to Your light so that all may believe and have life in You; in Your holy name we pray.*

**Amen.**

Lighting Our Candles (adapted from Howard Thurman)

*We light candles this Christmas.*

**Candles of joy, despite all sadness,**

*Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.*

**Candles of courage for fears ever present,**

*Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,*

**Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,**

*Candles of love to inspire all our living,*

**Candles that will burn all the year long.**

We light our candles.

Christmas Carol

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

**Please join in singing**

*Hymnal, No. 60*

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

Words: Joseph Mohr/trans. John Freeman Young

Music: Franz Xaver Gruber

Blessing

Steve Wilson

Postlude

*Still, Still, Still*

Organ

arr. Paul Manz

## WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP ON THIS HOLY NIGHT

**The Oakmont Presbyterian Church family welcomes you to worship.** During the stay at home advisory we continue to livestream worship Sundays at 11 a.m.

### **Sharing in the Ministry of Music tonight:**

*I Saw Three Ships* - Diane McNally, Strum Stick; Ken Crawford, Mandolin; Jamie Fair, Hand Drum

*What Child Is This?* and *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming* - Diane McNally, Autoharp; Ken Crawford, Guitar

*The Carolers Quartet:* Beth Michael, soprano; Jamie Fair, alto; Doug Crist, tenor; David Barr, bass

*Director of Music Ministries and Organist:* Michael Frank

†*His Light In Us* was purchased in 2019 by Sally and Jim Haleen to glorify God and Jesus Christ and in loving memory of Sally's parents, George and Elizabeth Thomas.

**Our Heartfelt Thanks to:** the **Worship Arts Team** (Kathy Samson, coordinator) for the design and implementation of Advent and Christmas appointments! We also thank Ann Buechli and Dixie Anderson for ordering and arranging the poinsettias.

### **Thank you to those who purchased poinsettias:**

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## CHRISTMASTIDE AT OPC



### Dec 27 - First Sunday of Christmas

**11:00 am** – Live-streamed Worship Service:

*A Celebration with Carols, Scripture, Poems & Prayers*  
Led by the Worship Staff and Quartet

### Jan 3 - Epiphany Sunday/Second Sunday of Christmas

**11:00 am** – Live-streamed Worship Service

Rev. Steve Wilson preaching.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (prepare your Communion elements to use at home)

Ministry of Music: Michael Frank along with pre-recorded selections from  
Bert & Bob Erickson and members of the Chancel Choir

### Jan 10 - Baptism of the Lord

**11:00 am** – Live-streamed Worship Service

Rev. Steve Wilson preaching at both services.

*Ordination/Installation of Officers*

Ministry of Music: Michael Frank and Quartet

A reminder: All worship services are available for viewing at a later time if you cannot watch at the live-stream hour. Also check out the *Carol Walk* video and Handbell mini concert: *Christmas Bells are Ringing*. All links found at [www.oakmontpresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.oakmontpresbyterianchurch.org)

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