

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# THE WORD

December 16, 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

## TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

*As you arrive in the sanctuary, please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.*

**\*those who are comfortable, please stand**

## GATHERING

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Gould-Hale Family

Sing verses 1 and 6 of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 80

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Isaiah 12:2-6

One: Surely, God is my salvation.

**Many: I will trust, and will not be afraid.**

One: The Lord is my strength and my might.

**Many: And God has become my salvation.**

One: With joy, we draw water from the wells of salvation and say:

**Many: Give thanks to the Lord!**

One: Call on God's name!

**Many: Make known God's deeds!**

One: Sing praises to God!

**Many: Shout aloud and sing for joy!**

One: O Lord, you are so wonderful!

**Many: Come, let us worship our God.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Now the Heaves Start to Whisper*

No. 94

### PRAYER

### \*SHARING THE PEACE

(Share the peace of Christ as you feel led, with a wave, a smile, a kind word, or a handshake.)

### TIME FOR GROWING DISCIPLES

(At the conclusion of the Time for Growing Disciples, children ages birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may stay in worship or go to the nursery.)

### CANTATA

*Holy Child*

Written by Marty Parks

Wendy Barrow, Alex Carter, Donna Cook, Toby Eckert,  
Brian Heuckroth, Mark Hoegger, Sandy Kay, Josh Smith,  
LeAnne Smith and Will Woodward

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER

### \*HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

No. 133

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

(Please sign the Friendship Register found at the end of the pew. Complete information, including your email, and pass pad along to those worshipping with you. )

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Offertory**

*Will We Know Him?*

Besig

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

### MOMENT FOR MISSION

Toby Eckert

### CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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.**

**LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness, and your invitation to join in!)

**SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*He Came Down*

No. 137

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

English Hymn Tune

***Oak Hill Presbyterian Church***



THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

***December 16, 2018***

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**ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT OAK HILL: SAVE THE DATES!**

- Sun. Dec. 16 @10:30 a.m. Advent Worship with Cantata, PW Cookie Sale
- Sun. Dec. 16 @2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood
- Thurs. Dec. 20 @6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas Worship
- Sun. Dec. 23 @10:30 a.m. Advent Worship with Children’s Christmas Program
- Mon. Dec. 24 @6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, Reception
- Sun. Dec. 30 @10:30 a.m. Worship

**Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, December 19,** at 1:00 p.m. at Isaiah 58 Ministries, 2149 S Grand Avenue, to set up for the Christmas meal distribution. Clients will be able to choose from selections available rather than being handed a bag of randomly selected food. Contact Donna Cook if you have questions or are willing to volunteer. The volunteer project should take 1 - 1 1/2 hours or so. A short project and you can check out the ministry in person!

**Sunday School During Advent – Sunday School Classes for All Ages will not meet on December 30. They will resume on January 6.**

**Bible Study During Advent - The Wednesday Bible Study Class will not meet on December 26.**

**AMEN House needs help assembling new bunk beds!** We would be eternally grateful if you can stay for an hour after church on Sunday, December 30, for our bunk bed assembly party. Please email [amenstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:amenstlouis@gmail.com) or text Annie at 314-445-7448 to let us know if you can make it!

Why new bunk beds? We set aside funds raised from this year and last year's trivia nights to upgrade our bedroom furniture. We have often received complaints about our bunk beds, and we felt that it was no longer safe to use them because they do not have railings to protect the person sleeping on the top bunk. Luckily, we were able to find a home for the old beds with a local group that coordinates with Winter Outreach, so the old beds will go to good use providing a sleeping space for our unhoused community members. We are purchasing the new beds, and need to have them in the rooms by Saturday, January 5, for our next group.

**2018 ANNUAL REPORT** - All committee chairs and organizational leaders are asked to prepare written summaries for the 2018 Annual Report. The deadline for submitting articles to the office is Friday, January 11, 2019. Reports may be submitted in writing or sent to the church via e-mail ([office@oakhillpcusa.org](mailto:office@oakhillpcusa.org)). Any questions may be directed to Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church  
 Rev. Erin Counihan, Pastor  
 Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Parish Associate  
 Mrs. Susan Brown, Minister of Music  
 Ms. Annie Girresch, Director, AMEN St. Louis  
 Ms. Carole Adams, Secretary  
 Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 noon in writing.

<b>ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK</b>		
December 16, 2018		

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Following Worship Following Worship 2:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal Sunday School for All Ages Service of Worship Time of Fellowship (and snacks) Presbyterian Women’s Christmas Cookie Sale Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause <b>OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE</b>
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	La Leche League in the Nursery Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Blue Christmas Worship Service
Friday	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Open Gym Night

We welcome you to worship at Oak Hill. We greet everyone in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and celebrate the gift of God’s incarnate love through our worship and service.

We hope you will stay and join us for a time of fellowship after worship today. We’ll gather downstairs for coffee and snacks!

For more information about what’s happening at Oak Hill, don’t forget to check out our website at [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org).

Greeters are **Deb Wiethop and Christine Woodward**. Ushers are **Brian Beckmann, Sarah Gibson, Dena Roper, and Scott Stanford**. Nursery Caregivers are **Layne Thompson and Lisa Thompson**. The **Mission Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in December.

As a church family, we shall be praying this morning and all week for the following members and friends. You may wish to contact them to indicate your interest and ask if they have any special prayer concerns.

Kassi Crocker  
Jeff and Catherine Rose Dahl  
Mary Lou Woodward

If you have a specific prayer request to share with the congregation, please fill out the yellow prayer request form in the pew and place it in the offering plate. For prayers and congregational support during the week, call Pastor Erin or the church office.

**Christmas Cantata** – Thank you to Music Minister Susan Brown, and all of the participants in today’s Cantata! We know you’ve been hard at work rehearsing. We are so thankful for the ways you share your gifts for the glory of God!

**Following Worship - Presbyterian Women’s Cookie Sale in the Large Assembly Room. There will be cookies and other goodies. Cookies are \$6 a pound. Proceeds go toward PW mission work.**



Plan to join us in song today as Oak Hill sings Christmas carols for our church neighbors. We will meet at church at 2:00 p.m.

**The 2018 Christmas Joy Offering will be received next Sunday.** The offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the **Board of Pensions**, which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian Church workers and their families, and **Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges**, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling. An envelope for this offering is included in this bulletin. Checks should be made payable to Oak Hill Church and marked “Christmas Joy Offering.”



The holiday season isn’t all merry and bright for everyone all the time. So we set aside a night, to lament, to mourn, to grieve, to be still, to remember, and to pray for healing and hope. All are invited to

this beautiful, evening worship experience, in the sanctuary on **Thursday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Open gym night is coming up on Friday, December 21, at 6:30 p.m.** This is for middle and high schoolers. Please consider volunteering. We have snacks and pizza and fun times playing sports, games and sometimes there’s a mean game of Uno going on! Not to mention crafts, coloring and puzzles plus snacks! Please contact Dena with any questions.



**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24.** We will have a reception immediately following the service in our Large Assembly Room. We ask that everyone who is able bring hors d’oeuvres or appetizers to share. Please contact Donna Cook at (314) 807-3949 or [belladonna63123@hotmail.com](mailto:belladonna63123@hotmail.com). with any questions.

**The Worship and Christian Education Committee is collecting gloves for adults this year.** We will be giving these items to the Isaiah 58 Ministries and others ministry partners to distribute to individuals who need them. Because we’re looking to help folks stay WARM, please avoid those little “magic stretch” gloves. We’re looking for big, thick, warm gloves! Please bring your donations to church and place them on the **tree located in the Large Assembly Room.** **You are also invited to place your Christmas cards on this tree.**



