

## OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**December 24, 2018**                      **Christmas Eve**                      **6:30 p.m.**

*Welcome to Oak Hill Presbyterian Church on this Christmas Eve. During tonight's service of lessons and carols, we will worship by sharing the story of our faith in word, song, and prayer. We are so glad you found your way here this evening. So please, sit, relax, breathe, visit, sing, or just be still and know that you are loved! Merry Christmas!*

Where the bulletin is marked with a \* those who are comfortable, please stand.

**PRELUDE**                                      *"Still, Still, Still"*                                      arr. Hakkarainen  
Marty Crimmins, clarinet soloist  
Valery Welch, flugelhorn soloist

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**                      The Crittenden-Gibson Family

\***CAROL**                                      *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*                                      No. 88  
*Sing verses 1, 2, 4, and 7*

**WELCOME**                                      The Rev. Erin Counihan

\***CAROL**                                      *Joy to the World*                                      No. 134

**FIRST LESSON**                                      Genesis 1 (*adapted*)                                      Matt Hanify  
**The glory and mystery of creation are revealed.**

**CAROL**                                      *Creation Will Be At Peace*                                      Page  
Chancel Choir

**SECOND LESSON**                                      Isaiah 11:1-9                                      Dena Roper  
**The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.**

\***CAROL**                                      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*                                      No. 133

**THIRD LESSON**                                      Micah 5:1-5a                                      Brian Heuckroth  
**The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.**

**CAROL**                                      *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*                                      Willis  
Marty, Crimmins, clarinet soloist  
Valery Welch, flugelhorn soloist

**FOURTH LESSON**                                      Testimony                                      Donna Cook  
**When the message God promises becomes our message, too.**

**CAROL**                                      *Breath of Heaven*                                      Grant  
Wendy Barrow, soloist

**FIFTH LESSON**                                      Luke 1:26-38                                      Carolyn Ream  
**An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child.**

\***CAROL**                                      *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*                                      No. 99

**SIXTH LESSON**                                      Luke 2:1-7                                      Lisa Thompson  
**Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child.**

**CAROL**                                      *O Holy Night*                                      Adams  
Kim Smith, flute soloist

**SEVENTH LESSON**                                      "In Search of Our Kneeling Places"                                      Avery Smith  
Poem by Ann Weems, from *Kneeling in Bethlehem*  
**A modern reflection on the importance of Bethlehem, even for us, now.**

\***CAROL**                                      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*                                      No. 121

**EIGHTH LESSON**                                      Luke 2:8-20                                      Carole Adams  
**Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah.**

\***CAROL**                                      *The First Nowell*                                      No. 147

**NINTH LESSON**                                      John 1:1-14                                      The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers  
**The word of God becomes flesh and lives among us.**

**PRAYER**

**\*THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING**     *Silent Night, Holy Night*     No. 122

As we pass the light, please hold the lit candle straight up and tip the unlit candle to the flame.

**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.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*     German Folk Melody  
Marty, Crimmins, clarinet soloist  
Valery Welch, trumpet soloist

*After the service, please extinguish your candle and leave it in one of the receptacles provided by the exits.*

Nursery and child care are not provided this evening so that children may worship with their families. We love having children, with all their noises and wiggles, in worship! The Faith and Fellowship Room is located off the rear of the sanctuary and is available for any kids or adults who need “breaks” during the service tonight. Coloring sheets and crayons are also available in the back of the sanctuary.

Restrooms are downstairs.

**All are invited to a time of fellowship (with plenty of delicious refreshments, seriously, please come and eat!) downstairs in the Large Assembly Room following the worship service.**

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*Christmas*  
**EVE**

*Service of Lessons and Carols*

*Monday, December 24, 2018*