

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 30, 2018

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

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

PRELUDE *Fantasy on "O Come, All Ye Faithful"* Copely

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted from Psalm 148*

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Many: Praise him in the heights!

One: Praise him, all his angels;

Many: Praise him, all his host!

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples,

Many: Princes and all rulers of the earth!

One: Young men and women alike,

Many: Old and young together!

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

Many: For his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

One: The Lord has raised up a mighty King for his people.

Many: Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* No. 119

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*Cantor sings responses through first, followed by the congregation*)

"O, come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him.

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord." (repeat)

***SHARING THE PEACE**

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

THE WORD

TIME FOR GROWING DISCIPLES

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

ANTHEM *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* Traditional English Carol
Paige Eckert, saxophone soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:41-52
(see insert)

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (cont'd)**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***HYMN** *Once in Royal David's City* No. 140

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 worshiping with you.)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory *Gesu Bambino* Yon

***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.*

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** *Joy to the World* No. 134

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Young

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home. ²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” ⁴⁹He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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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.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

December 30, 2018

Sunday	10:30 a.m. Following Worship	Service of Worship Time of Fellowship
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Tuesday		New Year’s Day – Office Closed
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room Worship and Christian Education Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room Evangelism and Membership Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group at Hartford Coffee
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 3 in the Theleos Room

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 special treats.

For more information about what’s happening at Oak Hill, don’t forget to check out our website at www.oakhillpcusa.org.

We are most grateful to Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, our Parish Associate, for his worship leadership today. We give thanks to God for Alan and his wonderful ministry among us!

Today's Liturgist is **Toby Eckert**. Greeters are **Dena Roper and Don Stanford**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Jeff Dahl, Josh Smith, and Valery Welch**. Nursery Caregivers are **Jillian Embry and Daniel Graber**. 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.

Brendan Gregory
Denise and Gerry Gregory
Matt Hanify and Adelaide Bay-Hanify

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.

Pastor Erin is on vacation until January 2. If you are in need of pastoral care until then, please contact the Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers.

Offering envelopes for 2019 with your name on them are available on the table outside the sanctuary by the chairlift and may be picked up at any time.

AMEN House needs help assembling new bunk beds! We would be eternally grateful if you can stay for an hour after church on today, for our bunk bed assembly party

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.

The Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group will be discussing “*The Cross and the Lynching Tree*” by James Cone on Wednesday, January 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Hartford Coffee. All are welcome to join the conversation!

Circle 3 will meet on Thursday, January 3, in the Theleos Room at 10 a.m., weather permitting. Bring a sandwich -- salad, chips and dessert will be provided. Also bring your ideas for 2019 projects!

The January Fellowship Lunch will be hosted by the new Oak Hill Building Vision Task Force on Sunday, January 6. They will provide soups and sandwiches for all. Come and bring a dessert or a side dish, or just come and have soup and join us for a conversation about our dreams for this grand ole building. The Evangelism and Membership Committee is hosting the time of fellowship in January.

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). Any questions may be directed to Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.