

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 6, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

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

Il Est Ne

Traditional French Carol

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: What is that brightness, that shining, that warmth?

Children: *What is that star?*

All: What is that truth that calls to us all?

One: What is that child, born unto us, all over again?

Children: *What is that baby? What is that Jesus?*

All: What is that love we need to see this year?

One: Where is it shining?

Children: *Where is it singing?*

All: Where is it holding us together?

One: Can you see the sign God has set for us?

Children: *Can you see God's star shining so bright?*

All: Can you see or feel or hear or hope- God's presence with us?

One: Listen for the signs.

Children: *Look for the star!*

All: Notice the love.

One: Arise and shine, for God's truth has come!

Children: *Arise and shine, for God's hope has come!*

All: Arise and shine, for God's love is here!

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 113

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of life, we offer our confession. We seek always to follow, but we slip up, we grow weary, we lose our way, and we abandon you. We've neglected our neighbors and rejected your grace. We've refused to listen, and been slow to act. We hold back, we hide, we look for practical answers, and work to further our own agendas. We forget to look up, we forget to open up, we forget to listen up! Shine your star in our hearts again this year. Burst forth with your abundant love and radical hope. With your brilliance, make us take notice. Remind us to dream, to watch, to sense, and to know. Grant us grace and renew our spirits, this Christmas, and always. Through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.” (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

Some Children See Him

Burt

Donna Cook, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

No. 152

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS (see insert)

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

One Small Child

Meece

*Doxology

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

No. 582

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(see insert)

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

Raise a Song of Gladness

No. 155

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Angels, From the Realms of Glory

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Sunday, January 6, 2019

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Leader continues...)

SANCTUS
No. 556
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All who seek Jesus are welcome at the table he has prepared. There is no denominational or membership requirement to receive God's gift of life. At Oak Hill, we pass plates of bread to one another saying, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." You are invited to partake of the bread when you receive it. Then we pass the cups to one another saying, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you." We wait until everyone has been served, then we all partake of the cup together.

Communion Meditation

John Holt, piano

Brian Beckmann and Paul Bordeaux, guitar

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Unison: God of life and truth, shine in our hearts, shine in our words, shine in our actions, shine in our community, through this meal, through our fellowship, and through your love, always. Amen

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.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

January 1, 2019

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	Following Worship	Fellowship Luncheon
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Tuesday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	MOMS Club of St. Louis in the Nursery
	6:30 p.m.	Book Club at the Barrow Residence
	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Foosball & Snacks @ the S.L.S. Building, 3227 Morgan Ford
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	5:30 p.m.	Mission Committee in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Arts and Crafts Club 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.

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

Today's Liturgist is **Brian Heuckroth**. Greeters are **Jeff Dahl and Carolyn Ream**. Communion Servers are **Joe Bradshaw, Donna Cook, Mary LaTragna, and Josh Smith**. Ushers are **Toby Eckert, Sheryl Ream, Christine Woodward, and Will Woodward**. Nursery Caregivers are **Emily Bischoff, Eva Bischoff, and Avery Smith**. The **Evangelism and Membership Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in January.

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.

John, Rhonda, Quinlan, and Lukas
Dan Link
Barbara Wideman

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.

The January Fellowship Lunch will be hosted by the new Oak Hill Building Vision Task Force today. They will provide soups and sandwiches for all. Come and have soup and join us for a conversation about our dreams for this wonderful building.

The book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, at the Barrow residence to watch the movie, "*A Wrinkle in Time*." Please bring your dinner and join us!

Touchy Topics book club had to be rescheduled this month, so there is still time to pick up a copy of James Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* and join us in discussion. Please watch the bulletin and the Oak Hill Facebook page for an announcement of the new meeting time.

Our monthly Human Foosball is on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:30 p.m. It's a fun night of community with our neighborhood kids. Please join us for pizza, snacks and fun! It's at the Great American Human Foosball, located at 3227 Morgan Ford Road. Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

ATTENTION ELDERS – Session will meet on Wednesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Faith and Fellowship Room. If any elder is unable to attend, they should notify Pastor Erin or Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.

Save the Dates:
Service as Worship Sunday – January 20th
MLK Day Youth Service and Learning Blitz – January 21st

Please join us for Craft Night on Friday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Theleos Classroom, for a fun evening of crafting! It will be a "bring your own project" evening. Please bring a snack to share! Please let Dena Roper know if you have any questions

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.

Please sign the Photo Release! Sometimes we take pictures at Oak Hill events and programs to use in our communications and on our website and social media pages. In the back of the sanctuary there is a YES photo release for those who are comfortable with their picture being taken and shared, and there is a NO photo release for those who would prefer not to have their picture taken or shared. We're hoping to have everyone sign the release THIS MONTH. Please stop by the back of the sanctuary and sign one of the two clip boards, according to your preference. This is for adults and children. Thanks!

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mathew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Litany of Ordination and Installation

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: But is always God's way shining bright!

Leader: Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

People: Serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

Presentation of Elders: Mme. Moderator, on behalf of the congregation, I present Brent Crittenden, Heather Macarthur, and Josh Smith to be installed as elders, and Brian Heuckroth and LeAnne Smith to be ordained and installed as elders.

The Rite of Ordination and Installation

The Congregational Affirmation

Elder: Do we, members of Oak Hill, accept Brent, Heather, Josh, Brian and LeAnne as elders of this church, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Response: We do!

Elder: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

Response: We do!

The Prayer of Ordination and The Laying On Of Hands