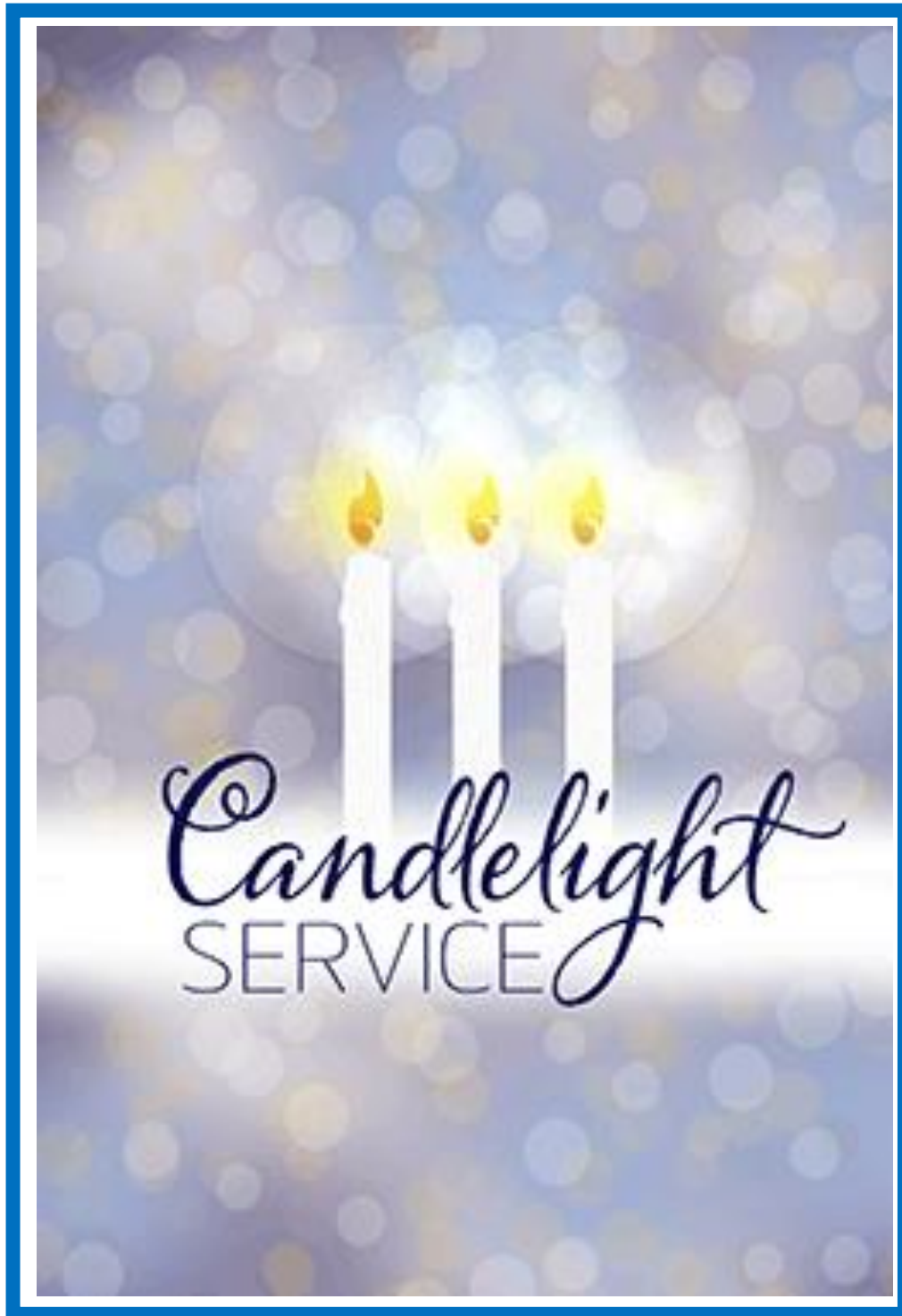


Oak Hill Presbyterian Church



Friday, December 24, 2021

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

6:30 p.m.

A Time For Centering--Please use the time during the prelude to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here.” Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God’s Spirit in our midst.

**Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Quelle Est Cette Odleur Agreeable* Susan Brown

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Dena Roper and Mary LaTragna

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5 Emily Bischoff
The glory and mystery of creation are revealed.

ANTHEM *Bethlehem Boy* Wendy Barrow and Toby Eckert

SECOND READING Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Donna Cook
The prophet proclaims good news to the children of God.

CAROL *Away in a Manger* Josh, Kim, and Avery Smith

THIRD READING Luke 1:26-38 Brian Heuckroth
The angel Gabriel greets the Virgin Mary.

ANTHEM *Gesu Bambino* Kim Smith and Caitlin Stanford

FOURTH READING Matthew 1:18-25 Josh Smith
St. Matthew tells of Christ’s holy birth.

CAROL *Some Children See Him* Donna Cook

FIFTH READING Luke 2:1-7 Heather Macarthur
St. Luke describes Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem.

CAROL *Fantasy on “O Come All Ye Faithful”* Susan Brown

SIXTH READING Luke 2:8-20 Valery Welch
The angels appear to the shepherds.

ANTHEM *Mary’s Little Boy Child* Donna Cook

SEVENTH READING Matthew 2:1-12 Mary LaTragna
The magi are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL *Do You Hear What I Hear* Brian Heuckroth and Valery Welch

EIGHTH READING John 1:1-14 The Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers
St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

ANTHEM *The Jesus Gift* Wendy Barrow and Toby Eckert

NINTH READING 1 John 1:1-7 Matt Hanify
God calls us to walk in the light of Christ.

***ANTHEM AND THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING** *Silent Night, Holy Night* Josh and Avery Smith
Brian Beckmann, guitar
(As we pass the light, please hold the lit candle straight up and tip the unlit candle to the flame.)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sweetly Sings the Child Divine* Susan Brown

Nursery and childcare are not provided this evening so that children may worship with their families. The Faith and Fellowship Room is located off the rear of the sanctuary and is available for “breaks” for families with young children.

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

*Thank you for participating in Oak Hill's Christmas Eve service." You are invited to join us outside for a bit of fellowship after the service. Please check our website for more information and updates:
www.oakhillpcusa.org.*