

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 5, 2021

2nd Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Wendy and Toby

Prelude

Prelude on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Susan Brown

Call to Worship (from Luke 1:68-79)

Wendy Barrow

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

Many: For he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

One: God has raised up a mighty savior for us

Many: In the house of God's servant David.

One: By the tender mercy of our God,

Many: The dawn from on high will break upon us,

One: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

Many: To guide our feet into the way of peace.

Special Music

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Donna Cook, soloist

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Prayer of Confession

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Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed ; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. (Time for silent confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Scripture

Luke 3:1-6

Wendy Barrow

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Meditation

Immanuel

Susan Brown

Offering

You can make an offering online or place your offering in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

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Prayers of the People

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The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

Postlude

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Susan Brown

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. You are invited to join us outside for a bit of fellowship after the service. Please check our website for more info and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.

The candle lighting liturgy today is adapted from the works of Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.