

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church



Sunday, December 25, 2022

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

Fantasy on "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Dena Roper

Leader: Christ is born!

People: Christ is born!

Leader: Because of this birth, life is full of promise for you and for me. Life is full of promise for our community.

People: Today we celebrate the presence of God's promise in our midst.

Leader: The promise of a baby coming into a crowded, hurting world and growing to be a liberator

People: It's the promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing, and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.

Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

No 132

***Prayer of The Day**

Dena Roper

Out of the noise and glitter and ho-ho-ho of the world's Christmas, we come away, O God, into this hour in your presence. Help us to discover here the true meaning and joy that lie beneath the surface of the holy day. Help us to see beyond the baby in the manger to the man Jesus became, to test our lives by his teachings and examples. Enable us to see beyond the human Jesus to your own invincible love reaching out to us through him, giving wisdom and power for the journeys of our lives. Then send us out to spread the word that you are among us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

Once in Royal David's City

No. 140

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession

Oak Hill Community

Faithful God, we rejoice that you have sent your promised Christ. And yet, O God, we confess that we are still not ready for Christ's coming; we are reluctant to live as if the whole earth were your domain. We know the story – the shepherds, the angels, the magi – but we don't fully understand what it means. Awaken us to your spirit, let Christ's birth make a difference in our lives, and grant us your peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

(Time for silent confession.)

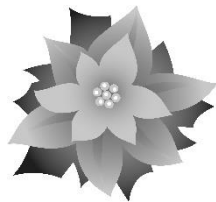
Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples		Rev. Wanda Lawry
Scripture	Poetic Reading of John 1: 1-5	Rev. Wanda Lawry and Matthew Hughes
Sermon	Emmanuel, God is with us	Rev. Wanda Lawry
Meditation	<i>Immanuel</i>	Susan Brown
Offering	<i>You can make an offering online or place your offering in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary.</i>	
*Response	We Give Thee but Thine Own	
	We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be all that we have is then alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.	
Prayers of the People		Oak Hill Community
The Lord's Prayer		Oak Hill Community
	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. Wanda Lawry .
*Closing Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	No. 119
Benediction		Rev. Wanda Lawry
Postlude	<i>Ding Dong! Merrily on High</i>	Susan Brown



Poinsettias should be taken home following worship today.
