

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

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

**Gathering Music**

Brian, John, and Paul

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Prelude**

*Prelude Number 4*

John Holt

**\*Call to Worship**

Lisa Thompson

Leader: Come, all who need help!

**People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

Leader Come, all who desire blessing!

**People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Leader Come, all who long for salvation!

**All: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

No.104

**\*Prayer for the Day (unison)**

Lisa Thompson

**Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, so that we may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

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**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our hope. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Hymn**

*There Is Now a New Creation*

No. 774

**Peace**

Oak Hill Community

**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 12:1-4

Lisa Thompson

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 3:1-17

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Sermon**

*Born Again – and Again, and Again*

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**Meditation**

*Prelude Number 4*

John Holt

**Offering**

*You can make an offering online at [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org)*

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*place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or mail your check to the church.*

**\*Response**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.**

**Special Anthem**

*I to the Hills Lift My Eyes*

Oak Hill Singers

**The Lord's Supper**

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**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The pastors will continue in prayer....)

**Sanctus (No. 582)**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Oak Hill Community

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Meal**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Holy God, giver of bread and cup, send us from your table in confidence that we are your own children, born of your Spirit, fed at your table, filled with your grace, sent to speak your truth and offer your love to the world in Christ's name. Amen.**

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Baptized in Water*

No. 482

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers

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**First Scripture Reading**

Genesis 12:1-4

12Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 3:1-17

3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

***People: Thanks be to God!***

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The Call to Worship today is taken from the Ministry Matters website. The Prayer for the Day, the Prayer of Confession and the Prayer after Communion are drawn from the Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

*Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org).*

# O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?  
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.  
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,  
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

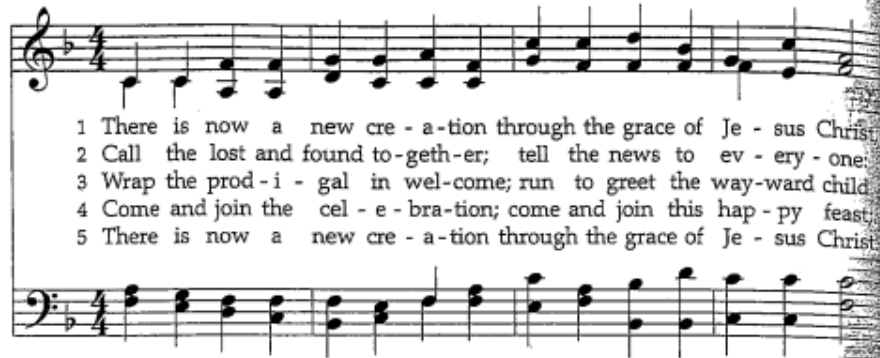
to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

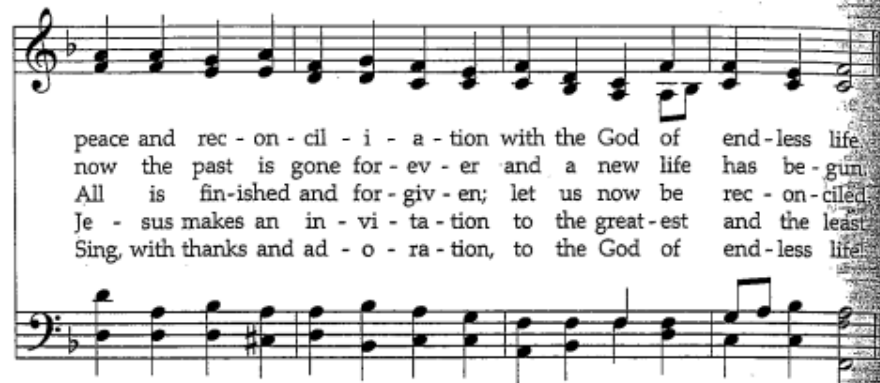
TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863, alt.  
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

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# 774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ  
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one  
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child  
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast  
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life  
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun  
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled  
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least  
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life

At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009  
 MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.  
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## Baptized in Water

C Am Dm G F G C

1 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

3 Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

6 Am G C G/B Am G<sup>7</sup> C

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

*Glory to God 482*

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