

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church



*Second Sunday
of Advent*

December 10, 2023

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

People, Look East

Susan Brown

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Kristy Gould and Miriam Hale

Congregation Sings

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.*

***Call to Worship**

Sheryl Ream

Leader: Come, let us be about our preparations for a new advent of love among us.

People: The wastelands of life around us cannot shut out the promise of new life.

Leader: Hatred and warfare, injustice, and suffering, are not the last word, for they are not of God.

People: We hear again the promise of peace, coming in the one who lived shalom among all people.

Leader: We see again the light God promises in the midst of our darkness.

People: We are feeling again the joy that comes through partnership in the gospel.

Leader: May our worship recall us to what is centered in life; to the one who gives us breath and purpose in life.

People: We come to embrace the new advent, to be renewed in faith, hope, and love.

***Opening Hymn**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

No. 106

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

Sheryl Ream

Eternal Source of birth and new life, help us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Smooth out our roughness when it hurts ourselves or others. Lift up the hidden parts of ourselves—the talents, the visions, the tenderness—so that your love may be seen, and your glory revealed among us. As this season unfolds, help us to be instruments of your peace. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

God of Advent, as we await your coming, we confess the rough places of our hearts. We confess that angers that become strong roadblocks to your peace. We confess the mountains of hurt feelings we leave behind us through our thoughtlessness. We confess the crookedness of our motives. We confess the pits of despair into which we cast our brothers and sisters by our greed and injustice. Straighten our spirits God of Advent, that our lives may reveal not our brokenness, but your glory. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Cantata

“The Other Wise Man”

Chancel Choir

Offering *You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org,
place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary or mail your check to the church.* Oak Hill Community

***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.**

Moment For Mission Brian Heuckroth

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

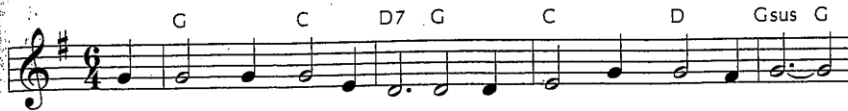
***Closing Hymn** *As with Gladness Men of Old* No. 150

Benediction Rev, Wanda Lawry

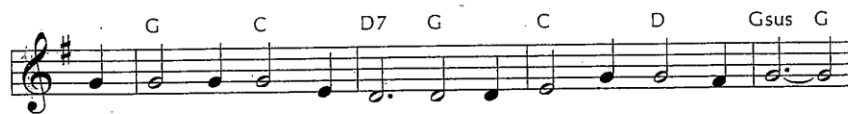
Postlude *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Susan Brown

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information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.*

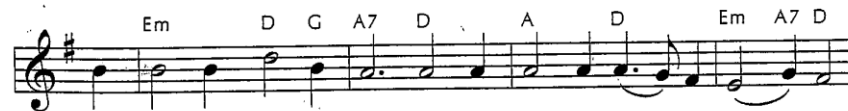
Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,

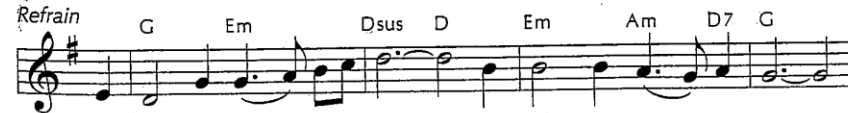


Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folk tune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;

adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.

MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930

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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

As with Gladness Men of Old 150

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar-row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king,
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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