



SONGS OF ADVENT

THE GLORIA



Oakwood
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
December 14, 2025

WELCOME TO OAKWOOD

The Oakwood church family is multi-generational and multi-cultural. We are singles, young couples just starting out, families of all ages, and retirees. Every year we welcome Penn State undergrads and grad students from all over the world. We are all different but united by an earnest quest to know and serve our Lord.

*By God's grace, we long to become
"Oaks of Righteousness,"
Growing roots deep in God's Word,
Bearing fruit of God-centered holiness and worship,
and Branching out with Gospel-centered witness and service
to State College, Penn State, Central Pennsylvania, and the world.*

Prelude

8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Time of Reflection

Preparing our hearts for worship

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Word of Invitation

Psalm 96:8-13

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn #214

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

O Come All Ye Faithful

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1. O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

CHORUS

O come let us a-dore Him
O come let us a-dore Him
O come let us a-dore H-im
Christ the Lord

2. God of God,
Light of Light;
Lo, He ab-hors not the Virgin's womb
Ver-y God, begotten not created

3. Sing choirs of angels
Sing in ex-ul-ta-tion
O sing all ye cit-i-zens of heaven above
Glo-ry to God all
Glory in the highest

4. Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this hap-py morning
Jes-us to Thee be all glo-ry giv'n
Word of the Fa-ther
Now in flesh ap-pearing

Our Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Ben Lee

THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's Law

Luke 9:24-26

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God's Promise to Pardon

Romans 10:10-11

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn #216

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray

CHORUS

O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our heav'nly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name.

CHORUS

3. Fear not then, said the Angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior
Of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might

CHORUS

4. Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface.

CHORUS

THE BLESSINGS OF REDEMPTION

Advent Explanation

“Advent is a tradition observed throughout many centuries of church history, where the four Sundays leading up to Christmas day are focused upon the “advent” (“coming” or “arrival”) of Jesus Christ. With its association to the celebration of Christmas, it’s primary focus has been upon Christ’s first coming, His incarnation. But, historically, Advent has also been a time to focus on Christ’s second coming, when He will bring to completion the deliverance and transformation promised to His people and all creation.”

Advent Reading

3rd Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5; Philippians 2:5-11

8:30 – David and Jennifer Miller | **11:15** – Paul Zell

God's Promise to Hear

Psalm 23:1-4

Prayer of Petition

Elder Dave Borch

The Lord's Prayer (ESV)

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

God's Promise to Provide
Our Tithes and Offerings*

Psalm 23:5-6
Congregational Song

8:30 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Hymn #200

11:15 CONGREGATIONAL SONG*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing night;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE WORD OF LIFE

Luke 2:1-20

Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Kiehl

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In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

THE WORD OF LIFE - CONTINUED

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

8:30 SERVICE MUSIC*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn #203

11:15 SERVICE MUSIC*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

3. Hail, the heav’n-born
Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

THE BLESSING & SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

God's Promise of Blessing

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen, Amen.

Postlude

8:30 – Rick Betts | 11:15 – Oakwood Musicians

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Dec 24 | 6:00pm

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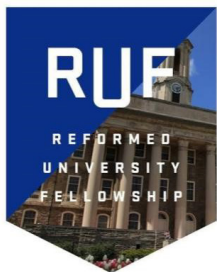
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