Prelude Ann Myers

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Walter L. Taylor

*Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Rev. Agnes Taylor

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

Pastor: but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will be seen upon you.

People: And nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your rising.

*Doxology

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;

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

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

226 *Hymn of Praise As with Gladness Men of Old

Confession of Sin

Gracious God. our heavenly Father. you sent your Son into the world,

that your name would be great among the Gentiles

and that by him all the families of the earth would be blessed.

We confess that our sin and pride

hide the brightness of your light for us.

We have followed our own way,

and turned away from the voices of the oppressed.

We have been quick to judge others,

even as we shield ourselves

from the brightness of the light of Jesus Christ.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive us all our sins.

Remake us in the image of your Son,

that we would find his service a delight,

and that others may see his light shining in us.

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Period of Silence for personal confession and meditation.)

Declaration of Pardon and Summary of the Law Dr. Taylor

Anthem "A Cradle in the Shadow of a Cross" (Smith/Kingsmore) Choir

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 2 (Trinity Hymnal, p 785) (Pew Bible, p. 960)

Matthew 2:1-18

Saw You Never, in the Twilight

Children 4 years – 4th Grade may go to Children's Church.

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"The Empire Strikes Back" Sermon Dr. Taylor

Pastoral Prayer

*Apostles' Creed (Trinity Hymnal p. 845)

*Gloria Patri

*Hymn

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

*Closing Hymn Insert Psalm 2 Wherefore Do the Nations Rage

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "God be With You Till We Meet Again" Choir

Postlude Ann Myers

*Congregation may stand.

Be aware that we will not be passing offering plates in worship service. Instead, we invite all who would like to contribute to our congregation to do so using the collection box at the entrance to the sanctuary or by the door to the hallway, either before or after the service.

If you would like to donate online, you may do so at our website: www.oipres.org and click on the "Donate" tab.

REPORT ENDING WEEK: December 28

General Funds Received \$ 8.333 \$ 345.980 General Fund Received Year-to-Date **Budgeted Weekly** \$ 6,659 Budgeted Year-to Date \$ 346,268

Attendance Report: December 28

In Service 88 On Line 16

THE SESSION

Moderator: Dr. Walter L. Taylor

Clerk: Brenda Hall

Class of 2025: Charles Bogardus (Nurture, Communications)

> Mary Margaret Carman (Missions) Ken Eagle (Stewardship & Finance)

Class of 2026: Patricia Bressler (Worship)

Bill Neeb (Personnel)

Class of 2027: Brenda Hall (Clerk)

> Dirk Mroczek (Outreach) Sandi Scott (Scholarship)

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Moderator: Tom Jarvis

Recording Clerk: **Dorothy Crawford**

Class of 2025: Allison Pickard (Birthday)

> Marshall Scott (Property) Penny Howard (Ushers)

Class of 2026: Dorothy Crawford (Recording Clerk)

David Carman (Property)

Class of 2027: Tom Jarvis (Moderator)

> Richard Davis (Property) Kent Winrich (Technology)

Hearing Impaired Assistance

Hearing Impaired listening devices are available in the church Narthex. Four units are available for each worship service and located on a table at the left side of the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary. If you require hearing assistance, pick up one of the devices, turn it on and place the ear buds in your ears, adjusting the volume to your comfort level. Please report any problems with a device to an usher.

SERMON NOTES	
SERWICH NOTES	

Announcements:

This Week

Sunday, January 4	Pre-Service Prayer	10:05 a.m.
	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday, January 5	Women's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 6	Missions Committee	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, January 7	Choir Practice	3:00 p.m.

Next Week		
Sunday, January 11	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Pre-Service Prayer	10:05 a.m.
	Worship and Communion	10:30 a.m.
	From the Heart	Noon
Monday, January 12	Martha's Circle	11:00 a.m.
	Women's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 13	Books and Coffee	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 14	Men's Home Bible Study/off site	8:30 a.m.
	Choir Practice	3:00 p.m.
	Deacons Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	Outreach	7:00 p.m.
Friday, January 16	Emmaus	8:00 a.m.

Newsletter

Don't forget to check our monthly newsletter!



Oak Island Evangelical Presbyterian Church **Epiphany of the Lord** Lord's Day Worship January 4, 2026

Welcome to Oak Island Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

We invite you to fill out the white insert in your bulletin and leave it in the pew when you depart.

We invite everyone to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall immediately following our worship service.

We have a nursery available during the Worship Service for children through age 3.

Please silence or turn off cell phones.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Walter L. Taylor, Pastor Rev. Agnes Taylor, Assistant Pastor Sherry Hardison, Office Administrator Michael Byers, Bookkeeper Donna Winrich, Director of Music Ann Myers, Organist Keena Knox, Nursery Coordinator

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