

Upcoming Events in December:



Christmas Crafts and Movie-Fellowship Hall Today !! @ 11:30am

4th Sunday of Advent Worship Service Sunday, Dec. 24 @ 10:30am

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Sunday Dec. 24th @ 5:00pm



Special offering

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in times of need and to Presbyterian related schools and colleges for our future leaders.

If you would like to donate to this cause please use the envelope provided marked Christmas Joy Offerings

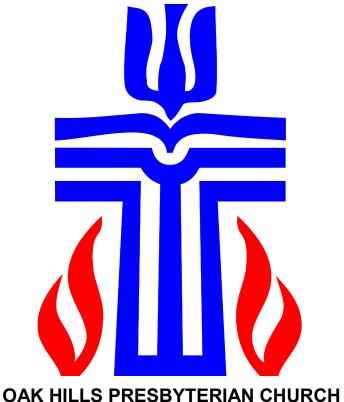
Come to the Waters A new Bible study—coming in January

This Bible study turns to some of the water stories and images in the Bible to enable us to learn more about God and how God would have us live our lives. It also draws attention to the power of water, its potential, and its effects on our lives and culture.

Liturgist Ken Maynard Greeters..... Petitt Family Elders-in-Charge...... Jose Lopez Sherry Haglund Live stream operatorChris Huntley

Christmas and New Year Church Office Hours

Closed December 25 & 26 for Christmas & January 1 for New Year's Day. We pray you have a safe and blessed holiday!



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DECEMBER 17, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHERING

Praeludium

J. Seger

*please stand if you are able

Greeting: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - JOY

The Ebert Family

One: As we light our third Advent candle, All: we pray for hope, peace, and joy.

One: Come now, O Child of Mary.

All: Come now, O Prince of Joy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the holy place to bear witness to the Light.

All: The love of God shines upon us and reveals the truth of God's mercy.

One: We gather in this holy place to bear witness to the Truth.

All: The truth of our gospel is good news for the oppressed and a balm for

the brokenhearted.

*HYMN #96 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptists Cry

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Your love is good news for the oppressed, O Lord,

All: and you bind up the brokenhearted.

One: Forgive us, O God, when we think that your good news is only for us.

All: Forgive us, O God, when we twist your gospel into something that fits comfortably into our lives.

(Time for personal prayer of confession)

One: By your light, let us see you leading us beyond ourselves and into the world

you love.

All: By your grace, forgive us, and free us to try again. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Every valley is lifted up: every mountain made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. In the name of Jesus

Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

*CHORAL RESPONSE: HYMN #103 v. 1

Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.

Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

One: Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the

glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

CHOIR ANTHEM People, Look East Besancon Carol, arr. M. Archer

GOSPEL John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON Know Who You Are Esther Russell-Hughes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #606: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

*HYMN #744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn # 384 Soon and Very Soon v.1

Soon and very soon-we are going to see the King. (3x) Halleluia, halleluia, we're going to see the King!

POSTLUDE Postlude on Jefferson Sam Batt Owens

96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!





show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.

pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.

bind up the bro-ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.

Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1–2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894
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FESTAL SONG

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(this tune in a lower key, 815)

