



**The Fellowship Committee will be hosting our  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER!**

**Saturday, December 9**

**Please RSVP**

by filling out a reservation sheet  
and leaving it the donation box  
or email:  
[oakhills@oakhillspresbyterian.com](mailto:oakhills@oakhillspresbyterian.com)  
by December 3rd.



**Silent Auction!**

If you would like to donate any  
items for the Silent auction  
Please contact Peggy Hudson  
at (618) 830-8267

***Advent & Christmas Lessons and Carols***

*Our own Greg Nussel has created a cantata that the choir  
will be presenting during worship on  
Sunday, December 10. Be sure  
to join us for this lovely  
Christmas tradition.*



**Book Club**

Join us at 11:00am on Thursday,  
**December 7** for a discussion of

*I Heard the Owl Call My Name*  
By Margaret Craven

**HO HO FUN!**

**Movie Party and Christmas Crafts**

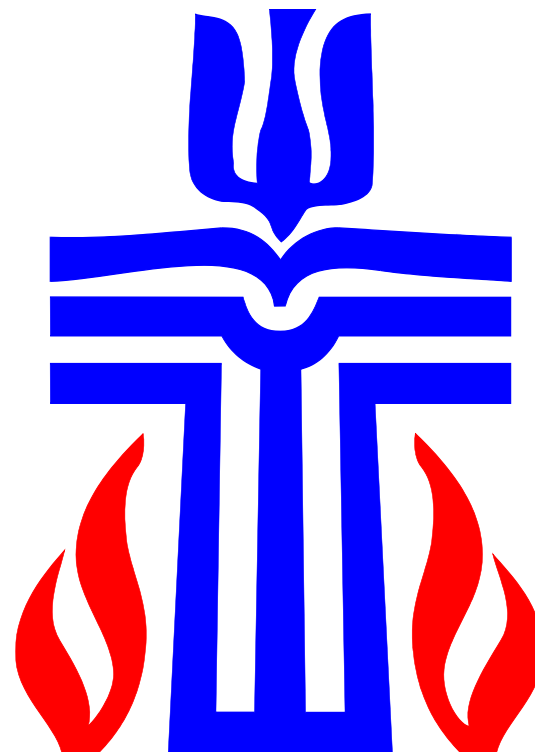
Fun for all ages on Sunday,  
**December 17.** Children will begin  
their Christmas crafts during  
Sunday School, followed by  
cupcakes, cookies, and popcorn along  
with a Christmas movie after worship.  
Put on your Santa hat and join us for  
some holiday fun!

Liturgist ..... Ken Maynard

Greeters..... Nancy Wilson and family

Elders-in-Charge..... Sherry Haglund  
C.A. Aranda

Live stream operator .....Chris Huntley



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Pastor, Rev. Rachael Huntley  
Music Director and Organist, Gregory A. Nussel  
Office Administrator, Angela Martinez  
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**DECEMBER 3, 2023**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

GATHERING      *Jesus, Source of Life and Pleasure*      *J. Rasley*

\*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 - HOPE

The Stull Family

One: As we light our first Advent candle,

**All: we pray for the holy hope of God.**

One: Come now, O Child of Mary.

**All: Come now, O Prince of Hope**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens are being torn open!

**All: The mountains quake at God's presence.**

One: The face of God is soon to shine among us.

**All: Even the stars cannot hold God's glory!**

\*HYMN #12      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Restore us, O God of hosts.

**All: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

One: Save us, O Lord, from traps of our own creating:

**All: from fear that blocks the way of love,**

One: from worry that blocks the way of joy, from isolation that blocks the way of relationships,

**All: from structural injustices that keep the world bound.**

*(Time for personal prayer of confession)*

One: Forgive us, O God of hosts,

**All: until the stars fall from heaven and we live as people transformed. 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.**

PSALM

Psalm 80: 1-7

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Prepare!*

Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

*You Remind Me of Christmas*

Rev. Rachael Huntley

\*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

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.*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE (SEE INSERT)

\*HYMN #83      *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

\*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 gong to see the King!*

POSTLUDE

*Hornpipe*

Handel

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

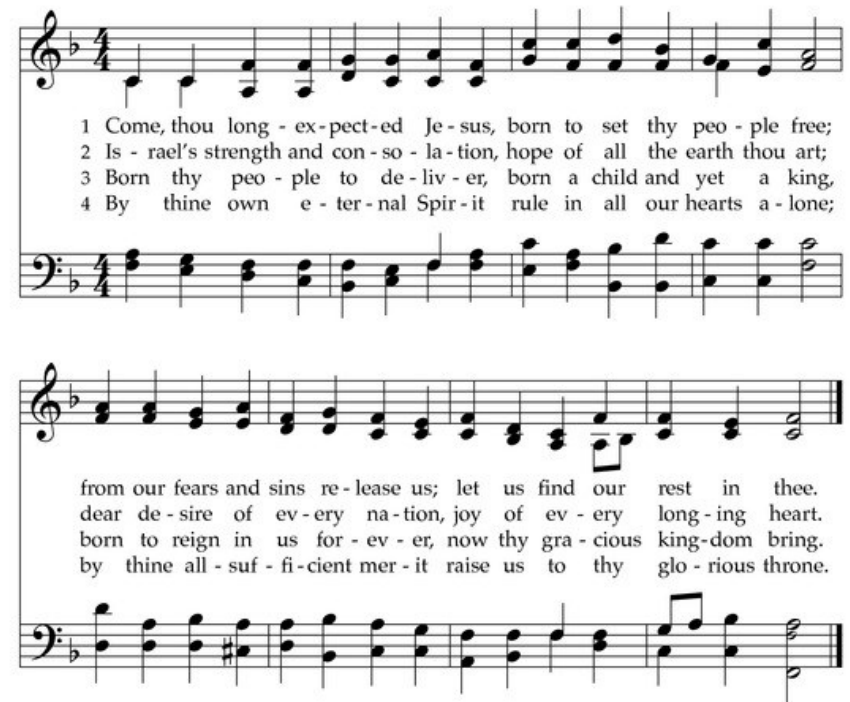
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.  
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. Cantadau y Cyssegr, 1839

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11.11.11.11

## 83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744  
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmody Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART  
8.7.8.7  
(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

## THE COMMUNION SERVICE

### THE INVITATION

Leader: This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

People: ***They will come from east and west, and from north and south to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.***

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: ***It is right to give thanks and praise.***

Leader: Holy God, we praise you . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### THE PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

People: ***Now we give ourselves for others.***

Leader: Your love has made us a new people;

People: ***as a people of love we will serve you with joy.***

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts;

People: ***help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.***