

Oakfield United Methodist Church

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Pastor: Rev. Young Tae Lee

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fourth **Sunday of Advent**

8:45 AM

† = please stand as able

Bold = everyone reading together

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

The Reminder of Christ's Presence in Worship – *The altar candles are lit.*

Welcome

†Call to Worship

Leader: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

People: That sign is in the One to come--the One that God is sending.

Leader: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

People: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.

Leader: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

**People: Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior.
AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" UMH #234

Opening Prayer: Lord of all life and all seasons, help us open our hearts to hear the words of promise and love that you send to us. Like Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power. Prepare us to receive your gift of grace and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Lighting the Candle of Trust

Leader: One thing we have learned on our Advent journey is that it is better not to go alone. We live in a do-it-yourself culture that celebrates the individual. But faith is not something that we can do on our own. We need companions on the journey; we need others to support us and strengthen us and encourage us. We put our journey in the hands of many people around us; and although it is a risk, we are better for it. We learn to trust that someone has our back, as we make this journey of faith. We light the candles of peace, hope, joy, and trust, as our circle is complete.

(Light four purple candles on the wreath.)

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that God may teach us the ways of peace, hope, joy, and trust.

Congregation: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Hymn: "Joy to the World" UMH#246(verse 4)

The Message for Young Christians-*The young and "young at heart" are welcome.*

Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 7:10-16 (p.813)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Reading from the New Testament Matthew 1:18-25 (p.1132)
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†Gloria Patri: "We Were Baptized..." – TFWS #2251 (verse 3)
Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again in a song that has no ending. Amen.

The Message "Wonders of His Love" Rev. Young Tae Lee

Hymn: "It came upon the Midnight Clear" UMH #218

The Prayers of This Church Community – *To make sure prayer concerns get into the bulletin, please fill out a "Prayer Request form" and place it in the offering plate or give it to Rev. Young Tae Lee*

Time for Silent Prayer and Reflection

The Lord's Prayer (UMH #895)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession: O God, we eagerly await the true light that is coming into the world, but we are easily distracted by the twinkly lights all around us. We planned to spend this season in study and prayer, cultivating our interior life with you, but we got distracted by the season's social demands. Stir up your might, and shake us from our complacency, that we might remember the reason for the season – a child sent to bring us light and love, a child sent to save us. Amen.

Words of Assurance: God is with us because God loves us. God has always loved us. Rest in this knowledge: God came to save us, and God with us.

Sharing the Peace of Christ with One Another

Time of Offering

†Doxology: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" UMH #160 (verse 5)

Praise God who reigns in high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forever more. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

†Prayer of Dedication

Time of Sharing – *We will share our announcements and God moments. Please make sure to sign the red attendance pads!*

†Closing Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

†Benediction

†Postlude

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Challenge 50 – "If they obey and serve him, They will spend the rest of their days in prosperity, and their years in contentment." (Job 36:11)
Challenge 51 – "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Welcome to Oakfield UMC!

It is wonderful to have you here in worship with us! If you are visitor, we would ask that you sign in on our red attendance pads. Please also check out our visitor information in the Fellowship Hall.

- Large print hymnals are available at the back table of the sanctuary.
- We have sound amplification equipment that is connected to our microphone system. Please let the pastor or an usher know if you would like a device.
- Please check the literature rack in the narthex where you can find the church directory, our ***December Good News Newsletter***, and other information.
- We have wireless internet access available in the church. Please contact Rev. Lee for an instruction.



Prayer Concerns

Gary Taillefer, Van Dergen; Roger Grier; Barbara Grier; Dan Wildenberg; Loretta Wildenberg; Karen Wildenberg; Roly Rick; Irv Pea; Bob Dvorak; Sharon Martin & Dick Martin; Jean O’Laire; Ken O’Laire; Joann Goodlaxson; Confirmants(Mason & Addison); Stephen Ministers and their care receivers, Sunday School teachers and students.

Missions: Momoh Kebbie (The Child that we sponsor through World Vision)

Our Servicemen and Servicewomen: Quinn Fechter (Al & Joann’s Grandson), Riker Wilder (Alice & Monty’s Grandson), Brandon Zirbe (*Vicki Seitz’s nephew*)

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00PM-** Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

Our Church Finances

- **Offering from Sunday, December 15th: \$**
- Needed Weekly to Cover Entire 2019 Budget: \$1016.98

Announcement

- If you are considering membership in Oakfield UMC, please contact Rev. Lee at 920-392-9888 or oakfieldtaborpastor@yahoo.com

Giving Back to the Community

- Please donate to the Community Food Pantry

Oakfield Worship Team

Pastor: Young Tae Lee Ministers: All the People
Liturgist: Denise Shaffer
Ushers: Al & Joanne Vey
Greeter: Marv & Bernadine Pea
Organist: Jeanne Miller, Sandy Dvorak
Altar Preparations: Denise Shaffer
Communion Preparations: Karen O’Laire