

Oakfield United Methodist Church

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Pastor: Rev. Young Tae Lee

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 AM

† = please stand as able

Bold = everyone reading together

Gathering for Worship – *Please take an opportunity to look at the altar and prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

Prelude

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

Welcome

†Call to Worship

L: Today there is good news for us to behold!

P: Those who feared that they were worth little to God have found blessing in God's sight.

L: For in the mercy and love of God, the blind shall see, the lame shall walk without pain, those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing, and there shall be peace.

P: God's mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls.

L: Behold! The Lord's compassion is with God's people.

P: Believe in the power of God in all things. AMEN.

†Opening Hymn: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed." UMH #203

Opening Prayer: O Lord, you know the deserts and the parched places in our lives. We seek your healing power. Lead us on this Advent journey to the place of new birth and to the place of our redemption; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Leader: Sometimes on our journey, our feet get heavy, our shoulders feel burdened, and our hearts seem slow. Sometimes in the preparation, the busyness overwhelms us, and we get lost in the doing and the planning and the running. And what we lose is a sense of why. Why do we do all of this? Why is this journey necessary? And the answer is simple: for the joy of it. We forget the joy when we get caught up in the to-do lists. We forget the joy when we worry more about how things look than connecting with others. We light the candles of peace and hope and joy to light our way as we journey.

(Light two purple candles and then a pink candle on the wreath.)

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

Congregation: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Hymn: "Joy to the World" UMH#246(verse 3)

The Message for Young Christians-*The young and "young at heart" are welcome. (We will be collecting the "Noisy Can" offering)*

Reading from the Old Testament Isaiah 35:1-10(p.839)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Reading from the New Testament Luke 1:47-55(p.1215)
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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 "Repeat the Sounding Joy" Rev. Young Tae Lee

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

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: Patient Lord, forgive our lack of faith in your loving power. We look around us and all that we see is what we don't have. We fail to notice the daily blessings you lavish upon us. Clear our blindness to the needs of others. Strengthen us and move us from lame excuses for not serving you. Help us to truly listen to one another, not with our pat answers ready, but with loving and generous hearts. Heal us and make us ready to truly be your disciples. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance: Behold and believe in the wondrous power and love of God! It is poured out for you and for God's beloved world. Rejoice in this good news, for it is given especially to you. AMEN.

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!*

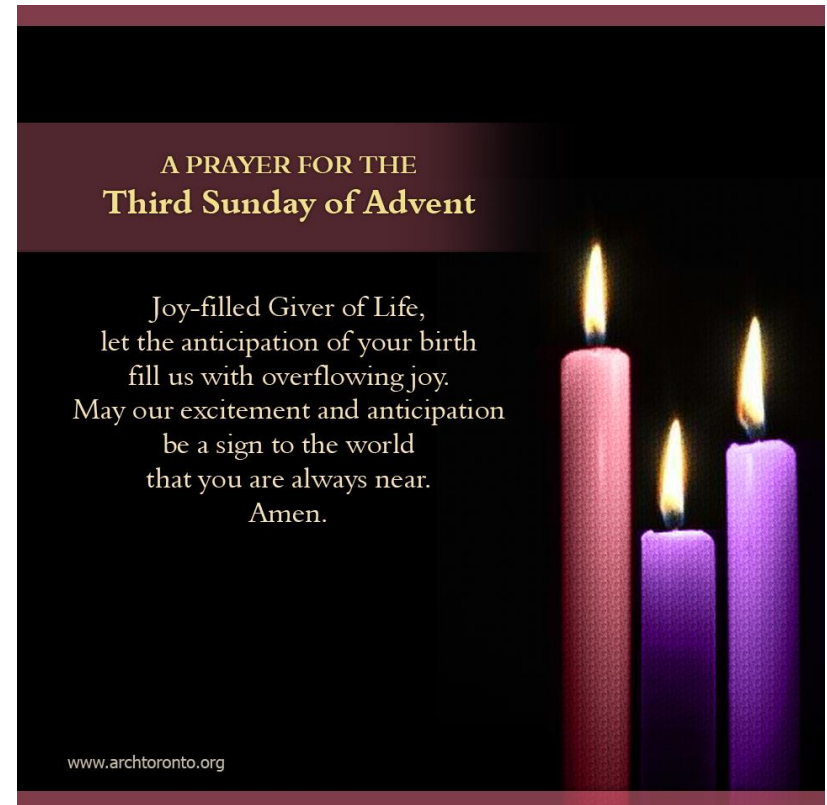
†Closing Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH #211

†Benediction

†Postlude

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Challenge 49 – “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

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)

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; Charlotte Straub; 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

- **Today** – The Angel trees for the family in the Oakfield community.
- **Tuesday, December 24th at 6:00PM-** Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

Our Church Finances

- **Offering from Sunday, December 8th: \$ 612.00**
- 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: Rebecca Foster
Ushers: Al & Joanne Vey
Greeter: Darwin & LeeAnn Boelk
Organist: Jeanne Miller, Sandy Dvorak
Altar Preparations: Denise Shaffer
Communion Preparations: Karen O'Laire