

The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

Christmas in July

We Gather in God's Presence

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes

As you gather for worship in whatever space you find yourself, center your heart and spirit on God's presence in your life.

Youth Bell Procession

Prelude

Angels From the Realms of Glory
Brass ensemble and Organ

arr. By Ferguson

Lighting of the Altar Candles

The light symbolizes the presence of God in our worship and in our lives.

Presenting the Cross

The cross symbolizes the grace of God given freely to all people

Call to Worship

Rev. Suzanne Ringer

People of God, arise, shine, for your Light has come!

Let us know in our hearts and minds that God is with us!

May we be reminded that Christ brings us hope, peace, joy and love!

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Hymn 103

O Come All Ye Faithful

*O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O, come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!*

Chorus:

*O, come, let us adore Him, O, come, let us adore Him,
O, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.*

*True God of true God, Light from light Eternal,
Lo He shuns not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created (Chorus)*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (Chorus)*

Ministry Center Moment

Mrs. Kim Shaw

Youth Anthem

arr. Joel Wilson

O Who's that Yonder
Youth Choir

*O who's that yonder....looks the shepherds kneeling by a manger...
Looks like Joseph standing by a manger....looks like Mary sitting by a manger...
Looks like my Lord lying in a manger*



We Hear God's Word and Pray

Scripture

Mark 1:1

Rev. Dr. Hayes

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

Prayers for the People

Rev. Dr. Hayes

Anthem

African Noel

Ronald Kauffmann

*Jesus is born, alleluia; Sing to the Lord all ye nations. Sing Alleluia!
Arise shine for Thy light is come! And the glory of the Lord is revealed. Sing alleluia!
Sleep, baby Jesus, my Savior, my Lord...For the light of God has descended bringing hope to a world forlorn.
Sleep, baby Jesus, my Lord...Close your eyes and rest 'neath your poor mother's breast,
for you've come to save us my Lord.*

We Grow from God's Word

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Hayes

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn of Response 148

What Child Is This

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*What Child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

*Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to town Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, Joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

We Worship through Giving

We encourage you to continue giving tithes and offerings so that bills and ministries are supported. You may do this through our website (oaklandchurch.com), the Breeze app, texting "Give" to (803)599-3738, and using automatic drafts. If you need assistance with any of these methods, please contact the church office.

We Are Sent Forth to Share with Others

Service and Fellowship of the Church

Rev. Dr. Hayes



Benediction

Rev. Ringer

Children of God let us go into the world
To bind all people in one heart and mind;
To fill all the world with heaven's peace

Benediction Response

arr. by Caldwell and Ivory

Children, Go Where I Send Thee!

Children go where I send thee! Children how shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee one by one, one for the little bitty baby,

the baby boy who was born in Bethlehem...

*two for Paul and Silas....twelve for the twelve disciples, eleven of 'em singin' in heaven,
ten for the ten commandments, nine for the angels choir divine, eight for the eight the flood couldn't take,*

*seven for the day God laid down his head, six for the days when the world was fixed,
five for the bread they did divide, four for the gospel writers, three for the Hebrew children,
two for Paul and Silas, one for the little bitty baby, the baby boy, who was born in Bethlehem.*

Children, go....where I send thee!

Postlude