



**OAKLAND**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROOTED IN CHRIST

*Glorify God · Make Disciples · Change the World*

**November 28, 2021**

1st Sunday of Advent

**11:00 A.M.**



## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

*We Have Heard the Joyful Sound*

Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

## WE APPROACH GOD

\*Hymn (No 48 Blue)

*Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Theodore Baker

\*Advent Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

*Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world, to a specific location at a special time. We confess that we live as though the light had never come; as if it had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen. Time of silent confession)*

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of Peace

Advent Candle Lighting

George and Chandra Butts

Anthem

*Rejoice, All Ye Daughters*

Joseph Martin

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Reading of Scripture

**Luke 1:26-33**

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Sermon

Location, Location, Location: The Places of the Christmas Story" - Nazareth

Rev. Craig M. Sumey

\*Affirmation of Faith - Adapted from the Confession of 1967

We believe that newness of life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. Therefore, we must accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. We believe that, as Christians, we are emissaries of peace and seek the good of others. But we sometimes have to contend against pretensions and injustices, misunderstandings and stereotypes. Our strength, though, is in our confidence that God's purpose rather than the world's schemes will finally prevail.

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND DEDICATION

Call to Prayer (No 322 Blue)

*Spirit of the Living God*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Response to Prayer (No 586 Blue)

*Amen*

Offering

*Voluntary on "Labe den Herren"*

Hugh S Livingston Jr.

Prayer of Dedication

### WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

\*Hymn (No 244 Brown)

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Charles Wesley

Benediction

Postlude

*Hymn to Joy*

Beethoven

*\*Those who are able may stand when led to do so by worship leaders.*

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Serving Today:

Director of Music: Jeremy Morada  
Accompanist: Diane Flagler  
Lay Reader: Roseanna Koppinger  
Tech: Travis Nornhold

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**Special Concerns**

**At Home:**

Elaine Berry, Jocelyn Gardner, Don Hickman, Phyllis Holbert, Clarence Hurt, Dominic Jamanila, Bill O'Doniel, Al Passwater, Lorraine Renaud

**Assisted Care/Rehab:**

Clermont Rehab: Janet Jackson, Rev. Stan Matthews  
Madison: Tom Edwards  
Golden Pond: Dina Asma  
Solaris: Donald MacCorquodale  
Sonata West: Peggy Lombardo, Jeanne Hinson  
Superior Residences: Bill McMasters

**Active Duty Military:**

Christopher Barth, Jordan Berry, Nick Brock, Thomas Burbank, Rachel Chiles, Whitney and Patrick Greaney, Greg Jamanila, Nick Joiner, Caleb Spence, Carl Wingard, Nick Wozniak

**Remember in Prayer:**

Peggy Smith, John Hawthorne



The flowers on display in worship this morning are from Peggy Smith in loving memory of Perry