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## Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

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8:00 am and 10:45 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

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\*You are welcome to stand as you are able. **Congregational parts in bold.**

### CENTERING MUSIC

Please ponder this quote in you meditations as you prepare and center yourself for worship:

Our uniqueness, our individuality, and our life experience molds us into fascinating beings. I hope we can embrace that. I pray we may all challenge ourselves to delve into the deepest resources of our hearts to cultivate (and hope for) an atmosphere of understanding, acceptance, tolerance, and compassion. We are all in this life together. By, Linda Thompson

### WELCOME

Liturgists: 8:00 am - Chris S /10:45 am - Linda B

*(Please take a moment to register your presence on the Fellowship Pad. Please list each individual attending with you separately and all contact information. If you are visiting us this morning, Welcome! We encourage you to pick up a visitor bag on the welcome banner above the visitor sign-in book. Prayer cards are in the chair racks in the Sanctuary. Please place the cards in the offering plate later in the service.)*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The day of God is coming; lift up your voices.  
Cry out with the strength God provides.

**P: We await God's coming day with anticipation.  
We seek the peace and patience God provides.**

L: Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.  
Speak tenderly to my suffering people.

**P: We will prepare the way for One who is coming.  
We look forward to baptism in the Spirit.**

L: God will feed us like a shepherd.  
God will gather us in gentle, caring arms.

**P: God's hand is upon us in blessing;  
We are welcomed by God's steadfast love.**

### \*OPENING SONG

*Toda La Tierra: All the Earth is Waiting*

*Red Hymnal pg. 210*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, we come this morning faced with choices and events that try our souls. We fear, and apprehension fills our living. We cry aloud, "I am scared!" May our hearts and spirits hear a word of hope and assurance. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

8:00 am - Vielleux Family

10:45 am - Ferger Family

Matthew 1: 18-25

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*New Testament/Pew Bible*

Advent Reader 1: At times, our greatest expectations turn into something quite different. Yet God is there, still breaking through in ways that our imaginations cannot fathom.

Advent Reader 2: God came in the form of man to show us what love can do. Through ordinary people, God accomplished extraordinary things. Like Joseph, may we accept those things that are different from our expectations and claim a higher purpose.

*Light Two Candles*

**All: Merciful God, let us come to accept those things we had expected to be different. Move us beyond acceptance and into a life committed to your higher purposes. Amen.**

### SONG OF RESPONSE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Red Hymnal pg. 211 vs. 1 & 2*

### A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

L: And Jesus Said . . .

**All: Let the Children come!**

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-6a

627/667

*Old Testament/Pew Bible*

### GOSPEL READING

2 Peter 3:8-9

224/238

L: A word for God's people

**P: Thanks be to God**

*New Testament/Pew Bible*

### CHORAL MESSAGE

*Hope: A Gospel Christmas Celebration*

Altar Choir

### SONG OF PRAYER

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*Red Hymnal pg. 206*

### SILENT PRAYER and PRAYERS FOR ONE VOICE

### THE 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 sins\*, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

*(\*may also say trespasses or debts)*

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

\*SONG OF PRAISE (sung)

*Red Hymnal pg. 94*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*WE SAY THANK YOU TOGETHER

**While we are waiting and preparing for Christ to appear, we are seeking, O God, to act as faithful followers. May our offerings extend the promise of salvation to people whose lives are broken by neglect, abuse, bad choices, and sinful ways. May our church be a listening, caring presence for all its members and friends, and through us for all those we meet in our work and leisure. Amen.**

\*CLOSING SONG

*Hope of the World*

*Red Hymnal pg. 178*

\*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

L: We came with fear and apprehension, and heard God speak words of comfort and hope. Go, spreading the comfort and hope of God with others in your celebrations. Amen.

\*CLOSING MUSIC



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### **Mission Statement:**

Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church is a Christian fellowship whose mission is to: worship God, love and serve all people, grow in faith and invite others to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

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**No matter where you are on your journey, ALL are welcome here.**

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