
Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church

8:00 am and 10:45 am

First Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018

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

CENTERING MUSIC

Please ponder this quote in your meditations as you prepare and center yourself for worship:
Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. By King Solomon in Proverbs 4:23

WELCOME

Liturgists: 8:00 am- Jessie G, Student Intern /10:45 am - Larry G

- Please take a moment to register your presence on the Fellowship Pad. You are asked to list each individual attending with you separately and all contact information.
- If you are visiting us this morning, WELCOME! We encourage you to let us know by raising your hand, when invited by the liturgist at the beginning of the service. We will bring you a visitor gift bag. In that bag, you will find a heart pin representing God's LOVE and information about the life and ministries of Oak Creek Community United Methodist Church. Please come again soon!
- Everyone is welcome to check out our Events Pillar in the room just outside this sanctuary.
- Prayer cards are in the chair racks in the Sanctuary. If you have a specific prayer, joy or concern, you are invited to write it out and place the cards in the offering plate later in the service.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jessie G, Student Intern (8am & 10:45 am)

L: We worship you today in community to offer praise and thanks.

P: Everything we have is because of your grace.

L: We worship you today in community to find peace in your presence.

P: You are always near to comfort and guide us. You give us strength; we fear nothing.

L: We worship you today in community to admit our imperfections.

P: You help us make progress towards becoming who you imagine we can be.

*OPENING SONG

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Red Hymnal pg. 160

*OPENING PRAYER

Jessie G, Student Intern (8am & 10:45 am)

Dear loving God, who makes all things new. Help us to recognize the gifts and talents you have so generously bestowed on us and help us to use these gifts to minister to your people. Help us to become your hands and heart wherever there is a need.

A MESSAGE FOR EVERY AGE 10:45 am

Pastor Wendee Nitz

L: And Jesus Said . . .

All: Let the Children come!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

Advent 1 – The Book of Hope – 2 Kings 22:1-10, [14-20]; 23:1-3

Our soul waits for the Lord;

he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him,

because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

even as we hope in you. (Psalm 33:20-22)

One: Something's coming.

Many: We're waiting. We're eager.

One: It's more than presents.

Many: It's more than lights.

One: We open the Book of Hope and read the promise.

Many: God will be with us.

One: Our hearts are glad; we trust God's holy name.

Many: God's never-ending love surrounds us.

One: Today we light the candle of Hope. (Light the first candle.)

Many: Our hope is in the Lord.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Red Hymnal pg. 216

SONG FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 25:1-10

Red Hymnal pg. 757

ANTHEM 8:00 am

O Come to Set Us Free

Altar Choir

10:45 am

Dong Merrily on High

Bell Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

80/85

L: A word for God's people

New Testament/Pew Bible

P: Thanks be to God

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16

694/738

Old Testament/Pew Bible

MESSAGE

The Days Are Coming When...

Pastor Wendee Nitz

SONG OF PRAYER

Hope of the World

Red Hymnal pg.178

SILENT PRAYER and PRAYERS FOR ONE VOICE

Jessie G, Student Intern
(8am & 10:45 am)

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)

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Pastor Wendee Nitz

+*The Invitation* + *The Instructions* + *The Blessing*+

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

- All who love the Lord and desire to be in relationship with their neighbors are welcome at the Lord's table.
- If you brought an offering/tithe to share with God through the ministries of this congregation, please bring it forward as you come up to the front of church to receive communion.
- Please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle.
- Communion is by intinction - dipping the bread into the cup. Please return to your pew to be in prayer.

COMMUNION SONG 8:00 am *Because He Broke the Bread*
10:45 am *What Child Is This*

Altar Choir
Bell Choir

*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

Jessie George, Student Intern (8am & 10:45 am)

**Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share.
Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness.
We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May
our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.**

*CLOSING SONG

The Gift of Love

Red Hymnal pg. 409

*A GOOD WORD AS WE GO OUT

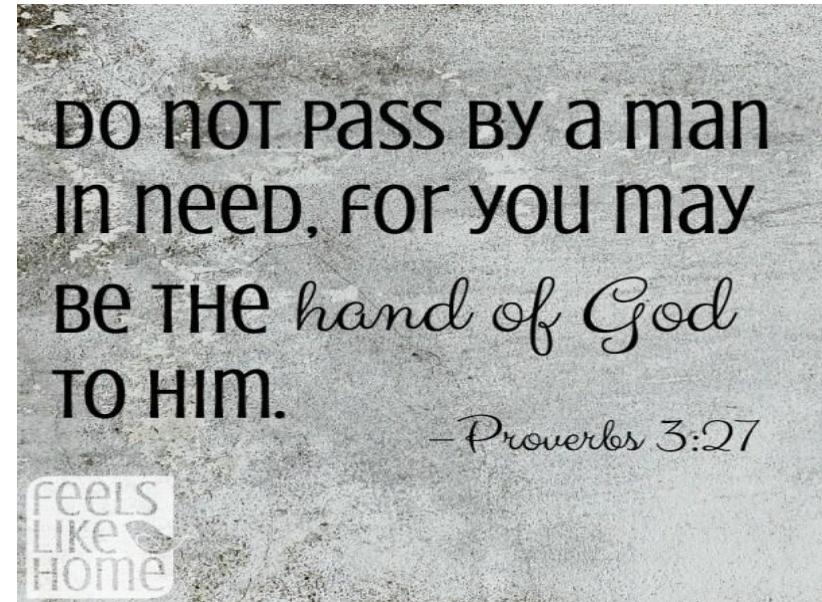
Pastor Wendee Nitz

*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.

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