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Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Please make sure you have registered your attendance with us on the sign-in sheet in the hallway.

If you are a guest or visitor with us, be sure to pick up our newsletter, The OPCC Scene, or see our website for current event, activity, opportunity, and contact information here at OPCC.

COVID-19 Protocols

Please social distance from people who are not in your household. Face masks must be worn the entire time you are at OPCC, except for when actively taking communion. Our worship leaders are permitted to sing and speak without masks. Our complete "Returning to OPCC Covenant" is available in the church entryway and on our website at www.bit.ly/opccInPerson



For those with children...

We welcome the sounds and movements of little ones that remind us God is moving in our midst! Please make yourself comfortable in the Sanctuary, and/or in our family-friendly worship space in the Overflow Room. For a more engaging worship, there are family activity boxes available for each household. If you do not find a box with your family name on it, please feel free to use a guest box.

Children of all ages are always welcome in Sanctuary worship, however we also have available our staffed Nursery for children through 3 years old, as well as Children Worship & Wonder. The Nursery and the Children Worship & Wonder room are located in the northeast hallway.



Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

*you may respond: **And also with you.***

Prelude to Worship

"Carol of Remembrance" from *The Winter Rose*
 J. Paul Williams and Joseph M. Martin, Shawnee Press.

Calvin McBride, guitar

Invitation to Worship

Nancy Corbin

one: A voice calls out in the wilderness.

*all: **It sings of a home for all. It speaks of justice and peace.***

one: We could choose to ignore it.

*all: **We could drown out that song. We could choose not to listen.***

one: Instead, we come into this space.

*all: **We let the world grow quiet. We listen.***

one: A voice calls out in the wilderness. Do you hear it?

*all: **We hear it. In listening, we worship and draw near to God.***

Opening Hymn

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Chalice Hymnal #138

Invocation

Nancy Corbin

Prayer Response

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture "The Shepherds Show the Way to Bethlehem"

Judy Nickum

a Children Worship & Wonder story by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman, based on Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2

Children 3 years and older are invited to go with our CW&W storyteller at this time to the Children Worship & Wonder Room for the Children Worship & Wonder story.

Joy is seeing people you love after months apart.
 Joy is hearing, "Come on over, it has been too long!"
 Joy is the stretches and giggles of a newborn child.
 Joy is making it home when the journey is long.
 Joy is your dog sliding to meet you at the door.
 Joy is the energy of a new season.
 Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost.

(lighting of the pink candle of joy)

So today we light the candle of joy, because the welcome God has for us is nothing short of joyful.

Rest in that good news. Let it wash over you. Family of faith, we are close to home. Amen.

Song of Response

"When God Is a Child"

Chalice Hymnal #132; v 3

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

Calvin McBride

Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (Common English Bible)

Tracie Glasscock

Scripture

Luke 3:1-18 (Common English Bible)

Tracie Glasscock

Sermon

"A Home for All"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Special Music

"My House" by Kacey Lee Musgraves, Shane L. McNally, and Josh Osborne

Emily Boedeker

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Our 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Response

"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus" arr. Dan Galbraith

Invitation to Stewardship

Tracie Glasscock

If you would like to support the ministries of Overland Park Christian Church and all the ways we are "being church" even now, you may give on our website www.opccdoc.org by scanning this QR code, or by dropping a check or cash in the glass-paneled box in the entry hallway.



Doxology

"What Child Is This Doxology"

tune & refrain: Chalice Hymnal #162

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Jim Naylor

Calvin McBride, guitar

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Closing Hymn

"John Proclaimed It: 'Change Your Lives!'"

Blessing and Benediction

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude

"My House" (reprise) Musgraves, McNally, Osborne

Emily Boedeker

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