



OVERLAND PARK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thank you for worshiping 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.

Hanging of the Greens

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

Christmas Medley arr. Gary Lanier

Amy Knost, flute

Invitation to Worship

Nancy Corbin

one: How will we prepare this house for the coming of God's royal son?

*all: **With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty fitting for a king.***

one: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

*all: **With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever-living and ever-green.***

one: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

*all: **With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.***

one: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the son of God?

*all: **By journeying again towards Bethlehem, following the way of those who journey with us.***

Opening Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Chalice Hymnal #148; vv 1, 2, & 4

Invocation

Nancy Corbin

Song of Response

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Chalice Hymnal #119; vv 1 & 3

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture

"How the Church Tells Time"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

a Children Worship & Wonder story by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman, based on Leviticus 23:1-3

Introduction to Hanging of the Greens		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Reading	"The Paraments"	Judy Nickum
Special Music	"An Advent Reflection" by Ruth Elaine Schram	Chalice Chancel Choir and Amy Knost, flute
Reading	"The Banners"	Judy Nickum
Reading	"The Advent Wreath and Candles"	Carla Labunski and Laura Edgington
Advent Candle Lighting Song	"When God Is a Child"	Chalice Hymnal #132
Reading	"The Greens"	Sue Elliott
Reading	"The Wreaths"	Nancy Corbin
Hymn	"We Three Kings"	Chalice Hymnal #172
Reading	"The Word"	C. Poggie
Reading	"The Poinsettias"	Nancy Corbin
Hymn	"Angels from the Realms of Glory"	Chalice Hymnal #149; vv 1 & 2

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.**

Invitation to Stewardship

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.

Sue Elliott



Doxology "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Doxology" tune: Chalice Hymnal #153

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response "Come, O Long-expected Jesus" Chalice Hymnal #125

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Chalice Hymnal #144; vv 1 & 3

Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude Christmas Medley (reprise) arr. Gary Lanier Amy Knost, flute

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