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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. Chuck Pickrel

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

Rev. Chuck Pickrel

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

Prelude to Worship

"Creator of the Stars of Night" arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Julie Dean, piano

Jimmy Reynolds, Lois Wimpey, and Theresa Krebs, handbells

Invitation to Worship

Judy Nickum

one: We are seeking — a deeper faith, a place to belong,

*all: **and the feeling that God is here in this room.***

one: We are seeking — joy that overflows, the movement of the Spirit,

*all: **and a hand to hold when feeling alone.***

one: We are seeking, the freedom to be, the courage to love,

*all: **and the conviction to act in the face of injustice.***

one: We are seeking, but here in this space,

*all: **we are found.***

one: Take a deep breath, this is your sanctuary. God is here.

*all: **We are found. Let us worship this God of sanctuary.***

Opening Hymn

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Chalice Hymnal #148; vv 1,2,4

Invocation

Judy Nickum

Prayer Response

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture "The Star Shows the Way to Bethlehem"

Rev. Lisa Setty

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.

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Lee Family
God's love is like an open door. God's love is the streetlight that guides us home.
God's love is a warm bed to fall into. God's love is a table with room for you.
God's love is a crackling fireplace. God's love is the sun that streams through the windows.
God's love is the roof over our heads and the floor beneath our feet.
God's love is a home for you and me, for neighbors and strangers, for family and friends, for enemies and partners.
God's love is a home for all. Today we light the candle of love to remind us of this truth.
God's love is a home for all. May this light burn brightly in this space and even brighter in our hearts. Amen.

Song of Response "When God Is a Child" Chalice Hymnal #132; v 4

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
 Scripture Luke 1:28-46 (Common English Bible) Roy Nickum
 Visual Scripture "The Magnificat: A Song of Praise" video by The Work of the People
 Sermon "Seeking Sanctuary" Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
 Special Music "Breath of Heaven" Chalice Chancel Choir
Chris Eaton and Amy Grant, arr. Don Hart Tenley Frederick, soloist

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 Chalice Chancel Choir
Tenley Frederick, soloist

Invitation to Stewardship Rev. Chuck Pickrel
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 "The First Noel Doxology" tune & refrain: Chalice Hymnal #151

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Chalice Hymnal #160

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Moment for Mission Roy Nickum

Closing Hymn "Joy to the World" Chalice Hymnal #143

Blessing and Benediction Rev. Chuck Pickrel

Postlude "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Dennis Alexander Julie Dean, piano

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