

SUNDAY, November 30, 20259:30 AM

Welcome members, friends, and visitors! In this hour, may you find fellowship and experience the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign the Guest Book and complete a welcome card. Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP ~ HOPE
*Those who are able are invited to stand ***Indicates times for ushers to seat worshipers
As a courtesy to other worshipers, please silence your cell phones. Thank you.
Welcome to Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church for a time of worship. Greet each other in Christian love being mindful of those who need some time for quiet meditation.

The Chimes Call Us to Worship

Prelude“O Come, O Come Immanuel”Ancient Plainsong Melody
~~ During the prelude take time to “Be still and know that God is Lord.” ~~

GreetingsPastor Tim

Sharing Joys and Concerns

AnnouncementsChuck Jones, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Choral Opening“God Is Near”

Call to Worship - *The Angels’ Message: Hear*
Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God’s redeeming work.
People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.
Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God’s reconciling love.
People: Give us ears, O Lord, and help us to hear.
Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of God’s unmerited grace.
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Leader: Advent is a time to hear again of our ultimate hope.
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Lighting the Advent CandlesRick and Stacey Cunningham
Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope, which reminds us that as we wait upon the Lord, we do so with a sense of heightened awareness. In a world where our attention is easily diverted in many directions, Advent is a time to quiet ourselves and listen

for God’s word with expectant ears. This Advent may we hear and receive the message of the One who continues to speak.

Choral/Congregational Response“God Is Near” (see insert)

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer:** As we come before the Lord in worship, let us come in faith, confident that God will hear, and the Holy Spirit will bless. Let us pray: **Gracious God, thank you for the ways you continue to speak to a world in need. Through both prophets and angels, you declared your message of hope, healing, and the coming of a Savior. We trust that you continue to speak to us today. Open our hearts that we may receive your message of hope. And hear us as we lift our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us, saying...**
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdon come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Oak Lawn Choral Bells

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes
Offertory“Tender and Mild”Phillip Keveren
***Doxology #34**“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*Offering Prayer

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Children’s Moments - **Hanging of the Greens**All sing “Deck the Halls”
(Children leave afterwards for Sunday School)

Prayer Hymn #153“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”Verse 1
A Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Response #490“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Scripture LessonIsaiah 2:1-5

Sermon “Imaging and Seeing”

*Closing Hymn #154 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Verses 1, 2 & 4

*Benediction

*Postlude “Chime Benediction “ John Weston
Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God!

“...and you shall be called ministers...”

Ministers: all members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Visiting Pastor: Pastor Tim Chesser

Worship Leader: Chuck Jones

Organist: Margery Jones

Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb

Secretary: Beth Lamarre



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American Baptist Churches USA's website at: www.abc-usa.org



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