



**\*Closing Hymn #179**      *“Joy to the World!”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**      *“Christmas Postlude on ‘In Dulci Jubilo’*      15<sup>th</sup> Century Latin Melody

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

Worship Leader: Jim Ellison

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](http://www.abc-usa.org)*



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY December 21, 2025**  
**OAK LAWN COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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***Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley***

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*Prayers for all our Service Men & Women, and for peace and calm in all situations for our country.*

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