

SUNDAY January 4, 20269:30 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.

EPIPHANY & COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Those who are able are invited to stand

***indicate 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

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

13th Century Plainsong Melody

~~ During the prelude take time to “Be still and know that God is Lord.” ~~

Greetings

Pastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Announcements

Chuck Jones and Mike Moore, Worship Leaders

Symbols of Remembrance

Call to Worship

LEADER: Have you seen the star? Have you heard the good news?

PEOPLE: We have heard of a baby born in Bethlehem. In the baby, we see evidence that God is with us.

LEADER: Have you seen the visitors who laid their gifts before the Holy Child?

PEOPLE: We have noticed the generous travelers from the east. They inspire in us a willingness to share.

LEADER: Like them, are you ready for God’s eternal purpose in Christ?

PEOPLE: The Magi inspire us to open our hearts to Christ. We want to respond to God’s dreams for us.

*Gathering Hymn #233

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

*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: **Holy God, shine your light upon us this day. Let your glory shine over us. Gather us together in your harmony,**

and fill us with your radiant joy. Lead us in your ways so that we may become a beacon of your light and goodness. May our praise of you resound through all the world, and guide others to your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray 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.

Sanctuary Choir

“Jesus, What a Beautiful Name”

T. Riches & J. Raney

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Traditional Polish Carol

*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

Children leave for Sunday School at this time.

Prayer Hymn #221

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Verse 2

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Response #490

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Communion Meditation

“Why is There Always a Villain?”

The Fellowship of the Lord’s Supper

*Communion Hymn #701

“There’s A Quiet Understanding”

*Reading of the Church Covenant (front of hymnal)

Deacons’ Fellowship Offering

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup (Gluten Free bread is also offered.)

* Closing Hymn #393 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Verse 1

* Mizpah Benediction “May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another. Amen.”

Postlude “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Arr. Jerry Ray

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 Leaders: Chuck Jones and Mike Moore

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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