SUNDAY November 29, 2026 9:30 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.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* 13th Century Plainsong
~~ During the prelude, take time to "Be still and know that God is Lord." ~~
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Greetings Pastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns
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Announcements Jim Ellison, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance
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Call to Worship/Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope Beth and Mike Moore
Leader: Advent is a season of light in darkness, of hope in hopeless times.
People: We seek God's wisdom for our daily lives.
Leader: The Prophet Isaiah spoke of God's wisdom, and urged the people to listen.
People: We seek God's wisdom for the transformation of our world.
Leader: As we light the first candle, we wait expectantly for the reign of God to come.
(Lighting the Candle of Hope)
People: Come, let us walk in the light of our God who is the ground of our hope.

***Gathering Hymn #155** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

***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: **God of Wisdom, Wonderful Counselor, shine your light in us. As we await the birth of the Christ child, so we await your light dawning in a new way. Light from creation, shine in our universe, shine in our world, shine in us. Illuminate our very being that we may bring your light to others. And hear our voices lifted as one as we pray in the way Jesus taught us, saying…**

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.
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.

Bell Choir *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* Arr. J. King

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes
Offertory *"The Huron Carol"* Arr. Roger C. Wilson
***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**

Bell Choir *"O Come, O Come Emanuel"* Arr. J. Kleim

Hanging of the Greens All sing *"Deck the Halls"* D. Wagner
Children will leave for Sunday School after the Hanging of the Greens.

Prayer Hymn #177 *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"* Please sing twice
A Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Response #490 *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 64:1-5a
Mark 13:24-37

Sermon *"Wonderful Counselor"*

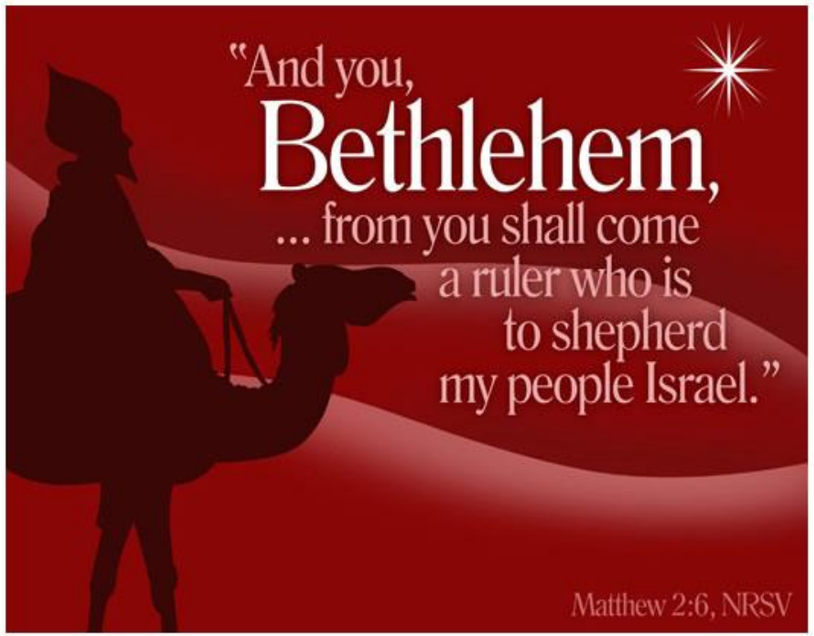
***Closing Hymn #614** *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

Postlude *"Low, How A Rose"* Arr. Roger C. Wilson

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the "Hanging of the Greens"!

Enter to Worship +++++ ***Depart to Serve***

"…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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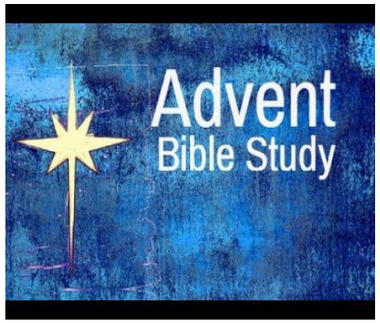

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