



**December 17, 2017**

Welcome to  
Oaklyn Baptist Church  
Morning Worship with Communion  
December 17, 2017 ~10:45am  
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**Order of Service**

**Announcements**

**Prelude** "Holy Spirit"

**Call to Worship:** (Responsive)

Leader: Love has come down to us this Advent season.

**People:** *Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.*

Leader: With great joy we receive that love and share it with others.

**People:** *We open our hearts to all of God's children: the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.*

Leader: The Lord has done, and continues to do, great things for us.

**People:** *Praise be to God, who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. Amen.*

**\*Congregational Singing:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #198

**\*Unison Invocation**

Lord of love and light, shine through our darkness, bringing us hope. Open our hearts for the journey, our eyes for the light, our spirits for the peace which you bring. Fill our mouths with laughter and our speech with shouts of joy, that we shall reveal the love with which you surround us. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who is coming into the world bringing your hope, love, peace and joy: Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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**This week at OBC (December 17-December 24, 2017)**

**Sun. 17-** Adult Sunday School, 9:30am (Library)

- Hymn Sing 10:15-10:30
- Morning Worship 10:45am
- Youth Group 6-7:30

**Mon. 18-** Kitchen rented out in the morning

- Food Pantry Distribution 4-6pm

**Tue. 19-** Food Pantry Distribution 12-2pm

**Wed. 20-** MOM meeting in nursery, 9:30am (closed group)

**Thur. 21-** AA in Social Hall, 8pm mtg.

**Fri. 22-**

**Sat. 23-**

**Sun. 24-** Adult Sunday School, 9:30am (Library)

- Contemporary Worship 10:15-10:30am
- Morning Worship 10:45am
- Christmas Eve Service, 4pm



**\*Glory Be (Sung)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**Congregational Singing:** "Once in Royal David's City" #183

**Offertory Prayer (Offering Received)**

*(If you are a visitor today please know that, while we welcome your participation in our offering, you are our guest, and as such, should not feel obligated to give.)*

**\*Doxology (sung)**

*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.*

**Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle**

**Prayers of Celebration and Concern**

**Children's Message**

*(Children dismissed ages 6 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade for Kids Club)*

**\*Congregational Singing:** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #191

**Scripture Reading:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Message**

**\*Congregational Singing:** "Do you Hear what I Hear?"

**\*Benediction**

*(\*Please stand if you are able)*

## Announcements for the week of December 17, 2017



### Thank you for all the containers

Thank you to everyone who has donated plastic containers for when the IHOC men stay at the church. At this time we have enough, and we are not in need of any more!

RETIREMENT MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING



### Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

This month we are receiving our Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Special envelopes for this offering are in the pew racks. Remember that two people we have loved at OBC have benefited from this offering: Janet Williams and Fred Daugherty.



### Congregational Meeting

Please plan to join us today right after the worship service for our annual congregational business meeting. At this meeting we will approve the 2018 budget, present nominations and vote on those who will fill some of the Deacon positions, and discuss any other church business. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



**IHOC at OBC-We need all hands on deck**  
**IHOC will be arriving soon-on Friday, December 29th! We are in desperate need of overnight hosts.** There is also a sign up sheet in the back of the church if

you would like to sign up to provide an item for the start of the program-soda, eggs, snacks, etc. Contact Jeanette or Cara if you have any questions.



### New Years Eve

This year since we will be hosting the IHOC men on New Years Eve, we thought it would be fun to have a potluck/game night from 6-9ish on New Years Eve. If you are interested in coming, there is a sign up sheet in the back of the church. The men love to play games, favorites Include 500 Rummy, Backgammon and Rummikube.



### Christmas Eve Services

We will be having our regular Sunday morning worship service on Christmas Eve at 10:45am. We will then have our Christmas Eve service on Sunday at 4pm.



### "Christmas is Not Your Birthday"

Last year we started a new tradition at OBC titled "Christmas is not your birthday". The offering at the Christmas Eve service went to several places around the world. This year we would like to do that again. This offering should represent a portion of what you would spend on Christmas presents for your friends and family. This year we have chosen Puerto Rico as the recipient of this offering because of the devastation they have suffered from several storms.



### Shoe Box Collection

Thank you to everyone who took a shoebox to fill for a child at Gabby's school. Take a look at the back of the church and see all the boxes wrapped and ready to be dropped off. There will be some very excited kids when these are delivered!