

Welcome to Oaklyn Baptist Church
Morning Worship
December 8, 2019 ~10:45am
Pastor: Rev. Kelly Grimsley
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Scripture Reader today: Sandy Whipkey
Scripture Reader 12/15: Lawrence Jacobson
Second Sunday in Advent

Order of Service

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: In this season of prophesy, promise and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

People: We come to be inspired by stories of a messiah who will change the world—and change us.

Leader: We come to listen for words of hope and joy, promise and challenge.

People: We come with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of waiting.

Leader: Come! Let us worship our God—the One who brings all things to fulfillment.

***Congregational Singing: Now Thank We All Our God #14**

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of hope and encouragement, we come in the midst of this season of busyness and preparations to find a time and space to slow down, to reflect on what our true preparations should be. We need to prepare our hearts to receive the gifts of love and hope. We need to prepare our minds to focus on your promise that a messiah will come and nothing will be the same. We need to prepare our spirits: to praise God for prophesy, promises, and preparation; to find hope and encouragement; to find peace and joy. May we do so now, in our time of worship. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 & Romans 15:4-13

Presentation of Offering

(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 Second Advent Candle

Choir

(Children ages 6 through 6th grade dismissed for Kids Club)

Prayers of Celebration and Concern

***Congregational Singing:** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* #688

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Message: Baptists and Bugs

***Congregational Singing:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #153

***Benediction**

(*Please stand if you are able)

Announcements for the week of December 8, 2019

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following service on **December 15.**

Poinsettia orders are due today. Order forms are available in the back of the church.

This week at OBC December 8 -December 15, 2019

Weekly Sunday Schedule:

~Adult Sunday School 9:30am (Library)

~Morning Worship 10:45am

Youth Group is each Sunday night from 6-7:30pm

Sunday 8–

Monday 9– Cara in office 9-2

Tuesday 10–

Wednesday 11– Cara in office 9-2pm

Thursday 12– Cara in office 9-2

Friday 13–

Saturday 14– ABW Cookie Tray Assembly

Sunday 15– Congregational Meeting after service

**Phyllis Pierson saw this and wanted to share it with every-
one:**

Take time to be funny

Take time to be funny, rejoice in the Lord
Let laughter explode and have fun with God's word
For laughter is healing, gives strength to the weak
God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.

Take time to be silly, it's good for the soul
Too many are somber, grabbing control.
Let go and let God's love wash over your soul
Heavenly transcendence can be your life's goal.

For humor is holy, it sanctifies life,
Replenishes hope and often softens advice
It undercuts sorrow, deflates haughty pride
So smile and hang on, and rejoice in life's ride.