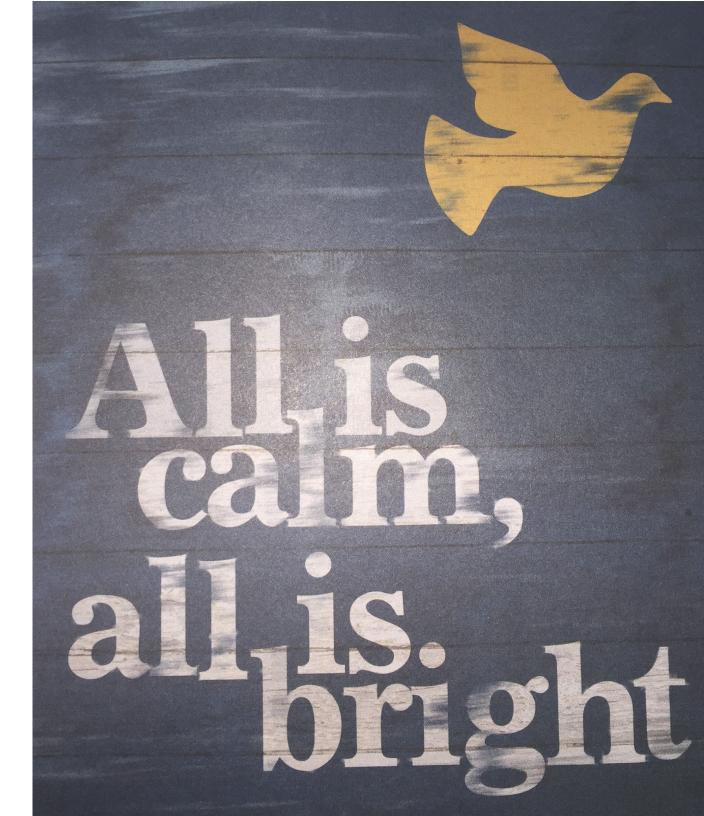
This Week at the Ogden Presbyterian Church		Upcoming OPC Events
Today	Worship, 10am	December 17
-	2nd Sunday of Advent — Peace	3rd Sunday of Advent
	Sunday School Pageant	Choir Cantata Service
Monday	Men's Bible, Noon, Union St. Eatery	OPC Christmas Party
·	Cub Scouts, 6:30pm	December 18
Tuesday	Worship & Music, 7pm	ORACLE DEADLINE
Wednesday	Home Bureau, 9:30 — 2:30	Women's Lunch Bunch, *Noon*,
•	Choir, 4pm	@ Slayton
	TOPS, 5:30pm	Deacons, 6:30pm
	Bells, 6pm	Trustees, 7pm
Thursday	Stitchin' for Mission, 10am	December 19
•	SEM, 10am, St. John's	Session, 7pm
	Service of Hope, 7pm	December 24
Saturday	Gruendikes—Fellowship Hall, 8-4	Regular 10am worship
Next Sunday	Worship, 10am	Candlelight Service, 7pm
· ·	3rd Sunday of Advent — Joy	
	Choir Cantata	
	<b>OPC Christmas Party</b>	

Worship and Fellowship Assistants		
	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Rick & Eileen Smith	Thomas & Deborah Plucknette
Ushers	Dennise & Al Webster	Marilyn & Dick Malloy
Liturgist	John Pullano	Roger Howlett
Fellowship	Don & Carol Clarke	OPC Christmas Party
SS Teacher	SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Nursery	ТВА	ТВА
BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR		Bonnie Bush
CHOIR DIRECTOR		Jean Weaver
ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST		Ellen Bristol
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR		Donna Metherell

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Sunday, December 10, 2017 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

"THE CHIMES" WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **GREETING EACH OTHER** 

~OPC Youth

~Hegarty

Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE "Toccata on Adeste Fidelis" Lighting of the Candles

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The God who speaks comfort to us calls us here this day.

# P: The God who addresses us with tenderness meets us here.

L: The God who guides us with gentleness cares for us here.

P: We come waiting for the Lord, being made ready to receive him.

### L: Hallelujah! The Lord is coming with hope and peace.

P: Lord, continue to call us and put us on the right path to you. Amen.

#### \*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE

L: Gracious God, on our Advent journey,

#### P: We have begun with Hope.

L: As we continue, grant us the courage to make Peace.

### P: Peace in our hearts,

L: Peace in our homes.

**P:** Peace in our communities.

L: Peace for your kingdom.

P: Help us, Emmanuel, to be the people of peace we are called to be.

\*HYMN #3 "Comfort, Comfort You My People"

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We are an impatient people, O Lord. We want everything immediately. Because we really don't understand the power and importance of waiting and preparing for your great gift, we want to skip over Advent and go right to Christmas morning. We are so eager for the parties and celebrations. It is easy for us to forget those who are in need, to not listen to those who are troubled, to not reach out in kindness and compassion to all who hurt. Forgive us for our need to speed through this season of Advent. Slow us down and give us an appreciation for the Advent of your Son.

(silence is observed for reflection and prayer)

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- L: God patiently waits for you slow down, take your time, relax. God is sending the Promised One who will enter your heart with healing, hope, and peace.
- P: Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "This Little Light of Mine"

~OPC Youth & Choir

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD Isaiah 40:1-11

SCRIPTURE READINGS L: This is the word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT "CHRISTMAS IDOL"

When instructed, please join in singing the noted verse(s) of the following Christmas Hymns:

- 1. "We Three Kings of Orient Are" Hymn #66 (v.1 only)
- 2. While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks Hymn #59 (v. 1&3)
  - 3. Åway in a Manger Hymn #25 (v.1&2)
  - 4. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Hymn #31 (v.1 only)
    - 5. What Child is This? Hymn #53 (v.1 only)
    - 6. Joy to the World Hymn #40 (v.1 only)

Many thanks to our children and Christian Ed staff for all their time and hard work in preparing this year's pageant! You are all tremendous blessings to OPC!

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING INVITATION OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD CHOIR ANTHEM "A Time for Advent"

\*DOXOLOGY #592

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

O God, bless these gifts and our lives. May they witness to the Way being prepared anew, and your glory to be revealed so that every eye shall clearly see it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

JOYS AND CONCERNS PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

"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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen."

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #15 "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" **\*BENEDICTION** \*POSTLUDE "Noel, Noel"

~J.S. Bach

~Stewart Harris

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