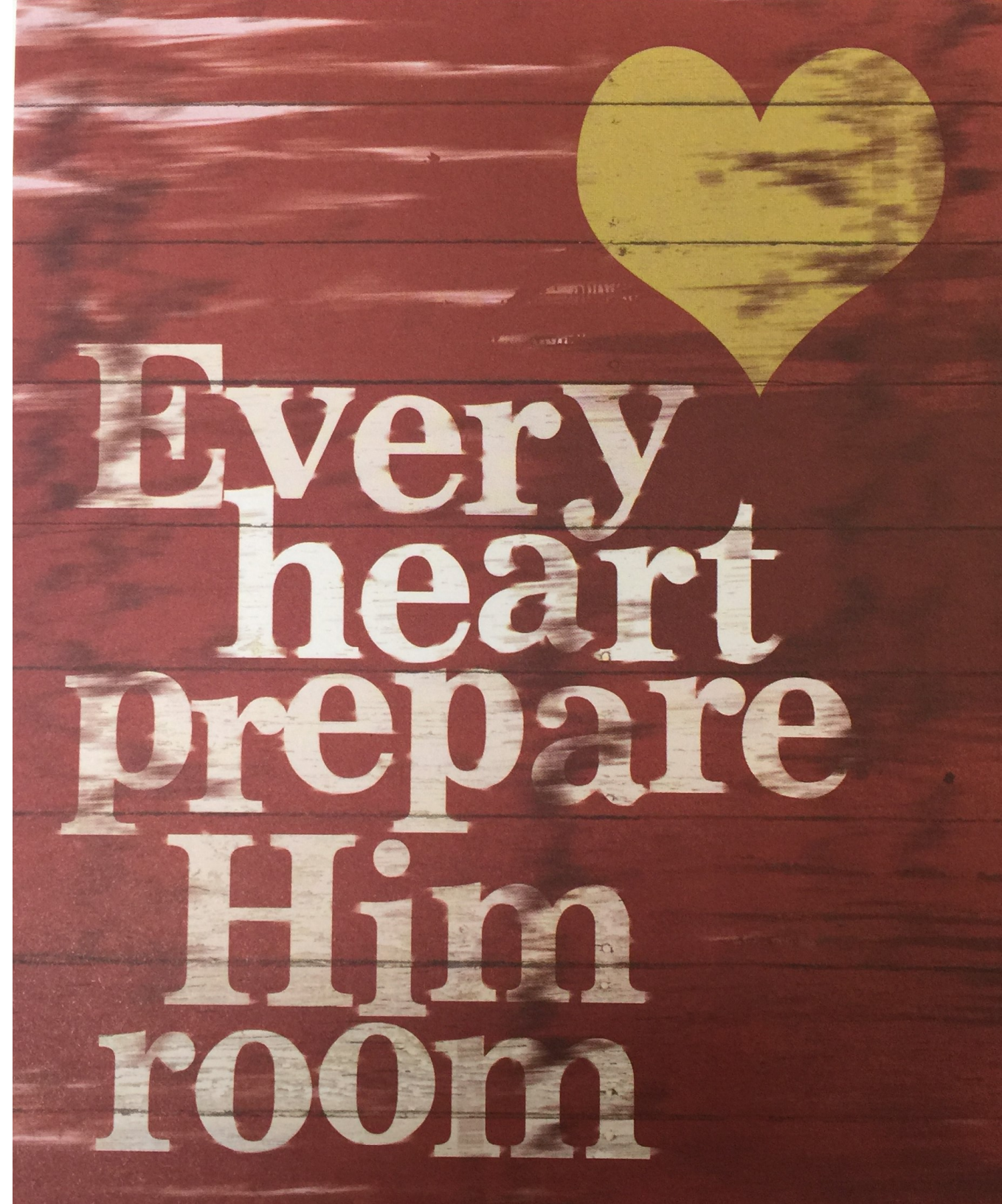


This Week at the Ogden Presbyterian Church		Upcoming OPC Events
Today	Worship, 10am Cantata Service OPC Christmas Party 3rd Sunday of Advent	December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Monday	Lunch Bunch, NOON , Slayton Place Deacons, 6:30pm Trustees, 7pm ORACLE DEADLINE Cub Scouts, 6:30pm	December 26 Deadline for ANNUAL REPORTS (email to ogdenpresbyterian@gmail.com)
Tuesday	Session, 7pm	December 27 Home Bureau, 9:30—2:30
Wednesday	Choir, 4pm Bells, 6pm (No TOPS this week at OPC)	January 6—7 Youth Lock-In
Next Sunday	Worship, 10am Candlelight Service, 7pm 4th Sunday of Advent	January 7 PW (after worship)
		January 12 Scout Setup (pm)
		January 13 Scout Pancake Breakfast
		January 20 PW Brunch, 10am

Worship and Fellowship Assistants

	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Thomas & Deborah Plucknette	AM: Dawn Sheffet PM: Jim & Sandy Friday
Ushers	Marilyn & Dick Malloy	Diane & Dennis Dupree
Liturgist	Roger Howlett	Norma Jones
Fellowship	OPC Christmas Party	Bonnie & Roger Howlett
SS Teacher	CHOIR CANTATA	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Nursery	TBA	TBA
	BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR	Bonnie Bush
	CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jean Weaver
	ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST	Ellen Bristol
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR	Donna Metherell

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Welcome to Ogden Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 17, 2017 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMES “Trepak”

~Tchaikovsky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING EACH OTHER

 Ringing of the Bell

PRELUDE “Fantasia on a French Carol”

~Hughes

 Lighting of the Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Brothers and Sisters, we gather this day in Love.

P: With love this day, we wait.

L: What do we wait for?

P: We wait for the One who brings healing and comfort.

L: We wait for the One who binds up the brokenhearted.

P: We wait for the One to display his glory and love to all.

L: And how do we wait?

P: We wait with joy, with awe, with hope, with excitement.

L: As we wait, let us worship God.

P: Let us worship God in joy!

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE

L: Creator God, as we journey through Advent, help us to experience your love.

P: Help us to better understand your love for each of us.

L: As we continue to prepare for the coming of the Christ,

P: Grant us the courage to share your love with those who need it,

L: Grant us love for the unexpected challenges,

P: Grant us love for the vulnerable ones,

L: Grant us love in the presence of God,

P: Grant us love for one another and love to build your kingdom.

*HYMN #1 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God of the Covenant, have mercy upon us as we make our confession this morning. Too often we have ignored your calling. The afflicted still await good tidings. There are brokenhearted who need to have their wounds bound. The captives still yearn for freedom, and those who mourn remain to be comforted. Forgive us when we fail to follow Christ’s call to faithful ministry; restore us and make us worthy to serve in his name. (silence is observed for reflection and prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Our God is a God of forgiveness of sin and of new life. Let us prepare and commit our lives to God’s way of Love.

P: Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and to be loved. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

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L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

CHOIR CANTATA

1) “Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace” — Diane Hannibal

2) “A Star, A Song, A Sign” — Brad Nix

3) “And Glory Shone Around” — Diane Hannibal/Jon Paige

4) “Way Down Yonder in Bethlehem” — Michael Barrett

5) “A Caribbean Noel” — Shayla Blake

Many thanks to our Adult Choir, to Jean Weaver for directing them, and to Ellen Bristol for her skilled accompanying. You are all tremendous blessings to OPC!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERING INVITATION

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OFFERTORY “What Child is This”

~Purvis

*DOXOLOGY #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of deep love, please accept and bless these gifts this day. In receiving them, grant us comfort, and anoint us with your Spirit to be able to reveal your Love as clearly as Jesus did, by binding up the brokenhearted, proclaiming the good news of justice and peace, and releasing those who are oppressed in any way. 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 #4 “Creator of the Stars of Night”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Psalm 100”

~Knecht

Please join us for our annual OPC Christmas Party Fellowship Hour!