

# Ogden Dunes Community Church Presbyterian

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## *The Ogden Dunes Community Church Mission Statement*

*Ogden Dunes Community Church is building a vibrant, God-honoring community of faith in Jesus Christ where God's global heart is demonstrated, God's power is evidenced, joy abounds, hope sustains, and reconciling love is the glue that binds us together.*

***Ogden Dunes Community Church seeks to joyfully lead people  
to the transforming love of Christ.***

**THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
December 21, 2025 10:00 a.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Pastor: Rev. Austin Blaszczyński

Minister of Music: Elizabeth Larson

***Gathering to Worship***

*In the Name and Spirit of Christ, we offer a special welcome to  
each and every guest here today. All are welcomed and loved in this place!  
Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service.  
We look forward to welcoming you and getting to know you.  
Please leave your contact information with us, so that  
we can share with you opportunities to grow, connect, and serve.*

**CARILLON**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Liturgist**

**◆ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**PRELUDE**

*He Is Born* — French Carol, Arr. Edward Good

● **Piano/Organ Duet**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor**

◆ Please stand if you are able

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Based on Philippians 2)

Candle Lighters

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a Cross!

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

**People:** We choose to live by love, following God’s example of sacrificial love found in Jesus Christ.

**Leader:** We light this candle of love as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us.

**People:** O come, O come Emmanuel.

### ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE #28

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lord, we desire to live lives that are perfectly submitted to your will and your way. Far too often we choose to forsake you, not trusting you to rule our lives. Forgive us for our sins and teach us to long to follow after you in every area of our lives. We pray this in the name of the savior we do not deserve, Jesus. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

**Leader:** Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with Us.

**People:** Jesus has come to be the light for all mankind.

**Leader:** Remember that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.

**People:** The true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Mary of Nazareth* — John Parker and Mark Hayes

• **Sanctuary Choir**

**MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN**

**CHILDREN MAY BE DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastor**

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns /The Lord's Prayer

*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; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

***Hearing and Responding to God's Word***

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Liturgist**

New Testament: Matthew 1:18-25

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*For, With, and In*

**Rev. Austin Blaszczyński**

**PRAYER**

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

**Liturgist**

**Offertory** *What Child Is This - Greensleeves* — Arr. Raney

♦ **Response:** Doxology

♦ Prayer of Dedication

## ***Leaving to Live out the Word***

◆ HYMN OF SENDING OUT #41      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

◆ THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor

◆ THE CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION — *Go, Tell It on the Mountain!*  
(Please sing twice)

*Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!*

◆ POSTLUDE      *Sing Gloria* — French Carol, Arr. Innes

## **Assisting Us In Worship Today**

**Pastor:** Rev. Austin Blaszczyński

**Liturgist:** John McCrum

**Usher:** Debby Bailey

**Pianist:** Sharon Shepard

**Sound Booth:** Amiel Newport

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## **GIVING THROUGH YOUR IRA:**

An IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals aged 70 1/2 or older to donate up to \$108,000 per year directly from their traditional (non-Roth) IRA to a qualified nonprofit like Ogden Dunes Community Church - without counting the donation as additional income. This can be a tax-efficient way to satisfy Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) while supporting our Church. To make a QCD gift, instruct your IRA custodian to send the donation directly to ODCC. We recommend that you consult with your personal tax advisor.

## MORE WAYS TO GIVE

We are excited to introduce an additional way to give financially to Ogden Dunes Community Church through online giving. To give online, simply visit [www.ogdenduneschurch.org/give](http://www.ogdenduneschurch.org/give). Your generosity is changing lives as we commit to joyfully leading people to the transforming love of Christ.

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## COAT DRIVE



Portage Resale Shop is in need of all size of winter coats for women, children and especially for large men. Bring them to church or take them to the Portage Resale Shop, 6450 Evergreen Ave., Portage through January 2026. Thank you.

They are also looking for Volunteers. A background check is needed. See Debby Bailey if interested.

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## PRAISE AND PRAYER

There will be no Praise and Prayer on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 31. We will resume for Prayer led by Phil Shank on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Bible study at 7:00 p.m.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Join us for Christmas Eve at Ogden Dunes Community Church. We invite you and your family to join us at one of our two services on December 24:

- \* 4:00 p.m. Family Service
- \* 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

*From all of us at Ogden Dunes Community Church,  
Merry Christmas!*

## WE BELIEVE...

The following are among the main tenets of our faith. The five Solas were the biblical theology recovered and proclaimed during the Reformation Period. They are now part of our Reformed Theology.

- **Sola Scriptura** – The Bible is the sole divine written revelation.
- **Sola Fide** – Justification is by faith alone.
- **Solus Christus** – Jesus Christ is sole mediator through whose work we are redeemed.
- **Sola Gratia** – Our salvation is based on God's Grace alone.
- **Sola Deo Gloria** – All glory belongs to God alone.

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## Prayer Corner

Ellie Babbitt and her family, Michael Bain, Lisa Baughman, Derrick, Patty Harbaugh, Hartmann family, Rebecca Hunt, Sue Klimek, Sarah Hunt Maldonado, Marlene McNally, Marcy Mongoven, Jayden Nelson, Cami O'Conner, Ann and Walter Sampson, Chuck Smothermon, Judy Spornick, Cordie Swanson, Family of Roger Winsor, Family of Tom Woodward, our elderly shut-ins and caregivers, our troops overseas, our President and our country. The Missionaries we support (local, national and international). The Christians and all people in the Middle East and Europe. Those whose lives have been affected by the wildfires and hurricanes.

# **The Week at a Glance**

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

10:00 a.m. Worship led by Rev. Austin Blaszczyński  
**Nursery Provided**

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 22**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Weekly Prayer in the Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**Christmas Eve- Office Closed**

4:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**Christmas Day- Office Closed**

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

10:00 a.m. Worship led by Elder Phil Shank  
**Nursery Provided**

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**Notes:**