

# 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 14, 2025 10:00 a.m.**  
**3<sup>rd</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**

*Noel Nouvelet* — French Carol, Arr. Edward Good

• **Piano/Organ Duet**

**CHORAL INTROIT:**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* — Praetorius

• **Sanctuary Choir**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor**

◆ Please stand if you are able

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Based on Isaiah 35)

*The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away (Isaiah 35:10).*

**People:** We choose to live by joy, not in fear, for God's kingdom is marked by joy. We find joy in our salvation and know there is a day coming where our ultimate joy will be fulfilled.

**Candle Lighter:** We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

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

### ◆ HYMN OF PRAISE #9

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

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

Father, in remembering your faithfulness, we are reminded how often we stray from you. Our sin divides and destroys, but your heart is to create and unite. Forgive us when we fail to follow your ways. Teach our sinful hearts to desire you and your kingdom. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor

**Leader:** If God is for us, who can be against us?

**People:** The Father did not spare His own Son but gave him up for us all.

**Leader:** This same God will also graciously give us all things. It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one.

**People:** Christ Jesus died and was raised to life and is seated at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

**Leader:** Therefore, no one shall separate us from the Love of Christ, for we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Amen.

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Christmas Carol Collage* — Arr. Margaret R. Tucker

• Chancel Ringers

### 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 1:1-17

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

*A Genealogy... Really?*

Rev. Austin Blaszczyński

### PRAYER

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Liturgist

Offertory *Bethlehem Wind* — Joseph M. Martin

• Sanctuary Choir

♦ **Response:** Doxology

♦ Prayer of Dedication

### *Leaving to Live out the Word*

### ♦ HYMN OF SENDING OUT #44

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

(verses 1, 2 and 4)

### ♦ 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**      *Behold, He Cometh* — Edward Broughton

**Assisting Us In Worship Today**

**Pastor:** Rev. Austin Blaszczyński  
**Liturgist:** Rebecca Hunt  
**Ushers:** Peggy Bain and Deb Miller  
**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.

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**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.

## Poinsettia Donation

Again this year, the Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas Eve. If you would like to make a \$10.00 donation towards purchasing flowers, please have your money in by today.



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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. Thank you.



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

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## Ogden Dunes Prime Timers!! December 16, Noon. Please, RSVP!



Everyone is invited. You don't have to live in Ogden Dunes to lunch with the Ogden Dunes Prime Timers! If you want a nice lunch and some entertainment for only \$13, please come and bring a friend for food, fun, and fellowship! If you work from home, are retired, or just have Tuesdays free, take a break, join us!

### THE DECEMBER PROGRAM: WINTER WISHES

Come, enjoy a festive musical program celebrating the season. If you weren't in the "Christmas Spirit" before this, you will be singing and humming as you leave. Guaranteed!

Remember: Tuesday, December 16, Noon, \$13, 116 Hillcrest, Ogden Dunes  
Call or text Jayne Mann (219) 218-3670 or email [ogdendunesprimetimers@gmail.com](mailto:ogdendunesprimetimers@gmail.com)  
for more information or to RSVP. Please RSVP by Sunday, December 14.

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

Please join us for Prayer led by Phil Shank on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Bible study at 7:00 p.m.

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## 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 14**

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

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16**

12:00 p.m. Prime Timers

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

6:30 p.m. Praise and Prayer

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

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

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## **Notes:**