



December 20, 2020

We will be joining each other in worship from our homes.

God's Word: Pastor Dave Sieplinga will bring a message, **Christmas Peace** from **Isaiah 2:1-5**

Oakdale Park Church will be streaming worship services at **10:00 a.m.** on **Sunday mornings**, until we can meet again, on the OPC website <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/live/>.

Offering: Oakdale Ministry

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: Today we will share together (from home) in the joyful feast of our Lord, remembering the forgiveness of sins that we receive through Jesus Christ. We welcome you to prepare your own elements in order to join in the Lord's Supper with us.

Responding: Please contact the prayer team, your elder, or a pastor with any prayer requests.

Virtual Coffee Hour: You will have the opportunity to connect with others immediately following worship. Join a coffee hour by clicking on one of the Google Hangout links, posted below the service stream on the OPC website.

Today

10:00 am Worship Service - virtual (Links above)
11:15 am Join us for online coffee hour! (Info above)
1:00 pm Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.
5:00-6:00 pm DIVE Online Christmas Party
6:30-8:00 pm HSYG Online Christmas Party

This Week at Oakdale

Friday

9:00 am Christmas Morning Service (Online)

Sunday, December 27: *Online worship*

10:00 am Online Worship (Christmas Program)
1:00 pm Kinyarwanda Service

For Your Personal & Family Prayers

Praises that **Cindy Plantenga** is doing well after her Mohs skin cancer removal surgeries. She is healing and should not need any more surgeries. Thanks for praying!

Please pray for **Nicole Ver Beek** as she has outpatient surgery this week. Pray that all would go well and for good results.

Please continue to pray for all those battling COVID. **John Pastoor** is having trouble walking and concentrating. Pray for him and for Luann as well. Pray for peace and comfort as they are apart.

Pray for **Donna Meyer**, a dear former member of OPC, as she is in Hospice care. Pray for comfort for her and for her sons, her daughter-in-law, her special friend Debra Armstrong, and her grandchildren.

Emily and Andrew Veenstra-Banning are also sick with COVID. Emily is feeling weak and tired and Andrew currently doesn't have symptoms. Please pray for quick healing for all.

Please pray for **Pastor Claude's family** as his daughter **Lydia's** surgery in Ann Arbor on her neck that had been scheduled for yesterday got canceled. Pray for it to get rescheduled soon and for all the details to be figured out smoothly and clearly.

Doug and Cindy Plantenga's 9 ½ month old grandson **Micah**, who lives in Seattle, will be having surgery on December 23 to remove a growth/cyst by his eye. Please pray that the surgery goes well, the results are good, and he quickly recovers. Pray also for his parents as they go through this with him and care for him.

Denise Jones has an upcoming appointment to discuss the results of the details acquired during her heart monitor device wearing. Her appointment is on December 23. Please pray for an informative appointment and clear next steps and good heart health for Denise.

Praises that **Dave Holtrop's** kidney biopsy showed no cancer!

Praises that **Baby Nora Jones** is doing well. She just had a series of appointments with her specialists. Please continue to pray for her health.

Praises that **Ben and Jess Hannink's family** found their dog after several days of stressful looking and help from others. Blu, their dog is home safe and sound.

Praises for our missionaries...**the Lees, VanAndels, VanWeerdhuizens and Lemahieu/Gela!** We are thankful for each of their ministries. Please pray for each of them as they continue to faithfully serve in the areas God has placed them.

*"Thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers in the passing of my brother **Dick Gootjes**. Also, this week I moved to Holland, Michigan. My new address is*

Annette Gootjes
188 West 21st Street,
Holland, MI 49423

Miss you all and looking forward to meeting together and seeing you again sometime soon.
Christmas blessings, Annette."

Pray for strength and encouragement for friends: Duke and Marilyn Bazuin, Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, John & Luann Pas-toor, Bill (&Lee) VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, Alexis Coger, & Joanne Ruis.

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Oakdale Opportunities & Announcements

As you plan your charitable giving for the balance of 2020, an extra gift of any amount to **Oakdale Ministries** would be greatly appreciated! Contributions must be delivered or postmarked on or before December 31, 2020. Checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked or received at the church office in 2020 will be reflected on your annual giving statement and will be deductible in 2020. **Any new online contributions must be submitted by December 26.**

Youth Ministry: We may all be stuck at home, but we can still party!! This Sunday, Youth Ministry will host parties for both HSYG and Dive on Zoom. **But each student needs to RSVP to this party because there are fun things happening.** First, there will be a white elephant gift exchange (you drop your presents to Sammy's house, they get mixed around and one is delivered to each participating student by party time on Sunday.) Second, there will also be party supply packs delivered to every student--because every good party needs favors! Please RSVP your students at the link below. This link is valid for all youth ministry participants:

<https://forms.gle/JJsy5UungXxKzh6U8>

Next plan on the appropriate zoom time for your student:
DIVE: 5-6 p.m/ HSYG 6:30-8.

All the meetings will take place at the same zoom address.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82790145376?pwd=Mkd2WjE3d2ltUnZDMjJUT1haR0R4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 827 9014 5376

Passcode: YMRocks!

At this time of celebrating Christ's birth, we would like to especially remember those who may feel disconnected: those who cannot get out, those who have been unable to watch the live-stream services, those in the military. **With the changes from the pandemic, this year we ask: could you please call or mail a card to some of our Oakdale friends.** Addresses of those who would love cards was mailed out with last week's bulletin but contact the church office if you still need this list. Please mail these yourself (not drop off) to keep our Oakdale family that are "shut-in" safe from COVID. Thanks!

In December, please pray James and Barbarita Lee

Our missionaries are a vital part of the Oakdale family. Last Christmas several small groups blessed each missionary family with a CARE package. **In this year of Covid-19 we want to involve the entire congregation in encouraging and financially helping our missionaries with some special needs.** The Mission committee has already contacted them and received their ideas and needs. We hope to give them a financial gift that would be for their families as well as enough for a specific ministry opportunity. So we are inviting you to give a 'special' Christmas faith offering to be equally divided among our four missionaries. May we show they are valued, remembered, and loved. Our four missionaries are the **Lees, VanAndels, VanWeerdhuizens and Lemahieu/Gela.** Please make a check or cash offering (online not available) to Oakdale church and marked Christmas Love offering for Missionaries. Mail to Oakdale Park Church, 961 Temple St SE, GR MI 49507 or deliver to the church mail slot before Dec. 20.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip (crcna.org/FaithFormation):

"The Practice of Hospitality: ". . . and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life?"