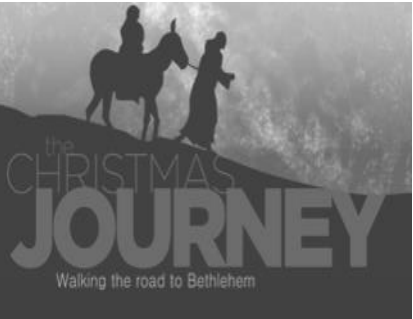


WORSHIP



COMING IN WORSHIP...

WALK THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM WITH MARY & JOSEPH



December 25: The Journey to the Manger - A Walk of Joy



**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING**

As a church, the body of Christ, we are a place of refuge that the community looks to in their time of need. This applies to the community of Walker as well as our own community here at Orchard Hill Church. This Christmas Eve we will be taking an offering that will go towards helping these communities when their well runs dry, and they fall on tough times. Please consider joining God's mission through financial giving for those in need. What a joy it is to be able to say, "YES!" in the name of Jesus, to those looking for financial aid that can mean the difference of a warm house, a full belly, and peace of mind.



**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Join us on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 PM in the Prayer Room for a service of comfort and inspiration for those of us who are having a tough time getting through the holidays.



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

On December 24 at 5:30 PM, join us for a beautiful service filled with music, drama, and candlelight. Invite your family and friends to celebrate the coming of our Savior into the world.



**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**

December 25 falls on a Sunday this year. We are still having our regular church service at 10:00 AM to rejoice in the birth of our King!

SERVE



**SERVANT'S COMMUNITY CHURCH MEAL:** This is a wonderful church on the west side of Grand Rapids that brings community together around the table once a week! However, the majority of families in this congregation are not financially able to provide for a family meal on Wednesday nights, thus they rely on the generosity of churches who are able to help, to provide a meal for their congregation (100ish people). They are looking for groups to help provide meals on the following dates: Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 22, and April 19. If you or your small group would be interested in hosting such a meal, please contact Pastor Laura at [laurac@orchardhill.org](mailto:laurac@orchardhill.org).

**PRAYER SHAWLS:** If you like to knit, we could use some prayer shawls! We are running low and need more! When your shawl is complete, please give it to Pastor Kathy.

GET CONNECTED



**GRANDPARENTS GROUP:** There are several families within this congregation that are helping to raise their grandchildren. If you find yourself in a similar situation and would be interested in being part of a supportive community of people going through the same circumstances, meet in the Mancave (room 210) after the service on Sunday, January 8, for more details and a quick gathering. Contact Pastor Laura at [laurac@orchardhill.org](mailto:laurac@orchardhill.org) for details.

The church will be closed Monday, 12/26 in observance of Christmas.

YOUTH

Meetings are held in the lower level Youth Area - use Youth Area door.

High School & Middle School  
NO YOUTH GROUP!

Winter Retreat Money is due **TODAY** for Cran Hill and Camp Geneva!

Youth Group will resume the week of January 8! Enjoy your break!

Questions, concerns, or just want to chat, contact Greg Salmon @ [gregs@orchardhill.org](mailto:gregs@orchardhill.org) or 784.4060 ext 227.

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS:** To receive credit for contributions in 2016, if not given during the offering at a service in 2016, they must be delivered to the church office no later than noon, Friday, December 30, or if mailed, postmarked by December 31. According to IRS regulations, the date on the check is inconsequential, with the date received or postmarked being the controlling factor as to the tax year to which the contribution can be credited. Don't be caught short, make your contribution in a timely manner.

**TITHING ENVELOPES:** Your 2017 tithing envelopes are in. Check your mailboxes to get them. If you don't have a church mailbox, the envelopes have been mailed to you. If you don't have tithing envelopes but want them, please contact Allyssa at [allyssap@orchardhill.org](mailto:allyssap@orchardhill.org).

IN OUR PRAYERS



- Mort Zylstra is approved to leave for Florida and will leave on Monday. He will have to make sure his leg is elevated.
- Rick Visser had knee surgery.
- Tim Buschert was involved in a car accident.
- Bob Van't Hof is in the hospital with a lot of back pain.

**IN NEED OF PRAYER TODAY?** Please come forward following the service for prayer with one of our prayer partners.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN?** Call the front office at 784.4060, and we will be happy to include your request on the prayer line, which is emailed to those who have subscribed to receive prayer concerns.

Connection Card

December 18, 2016

PLEASE PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE

EVERYONE PLEASE COMPLETE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I am a: ☐ 1st time guest ☐ 2nd time guest ☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Member

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Orchard Hill Church?  
\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Information Change

Your Age Group:  
☐ Youth  
☐ 20s  
☐ 30s  
☐ 40s  
☐ 50s  
☐ 60s  
☐ 70+

THIS WEEK: December 18 - 24, 2016

S 10:00 AM Worship Service - On the Hill  
11:30 AM M & M Small Group - Conference Room  
6:00 PM Blue Christmas Service - Prayer Room

M 10:00 AM Staff Christmas Party

T  
W 6:30 PM Worship Band - Sanctuary  
6:15 PM Mom's Small Group - Narthex  
6:45 PM Dancin' on the Hill - Choir Room  
7:00 PM Worship Singers - Sanctuary

T  
F  
S 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

Like us and become our friend, Orchard Hill Church Fellowship Group, on Facebook and keep up with what is happening "On the Hill"!

Connection Card

Stop by the Connection Corner for more information!

I WOULD LIKE TO GET INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- How to become a Christian
- Membership
- Electronic Giving
- Student Ministry
- Small Groups
- The Flock (18-30yr)
- Baptism
- Tithe Envelopes
- Children's Ministry
- Adult Ministry
- Mailbox



1 enjoy the fellowship in the lobby by grabbing a coffee and locating a seat in the sanctuary.

Orchard Hill Church exists to see hundreds of families and individuals in our surrounding neighborhoods become committed followers of Christ through discipleship, service, and worship2

3 fill out the Connection Card at the bottom of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

see us at the Connection Corner, visit our website, and like our Facebook page. There are many ways to connect4

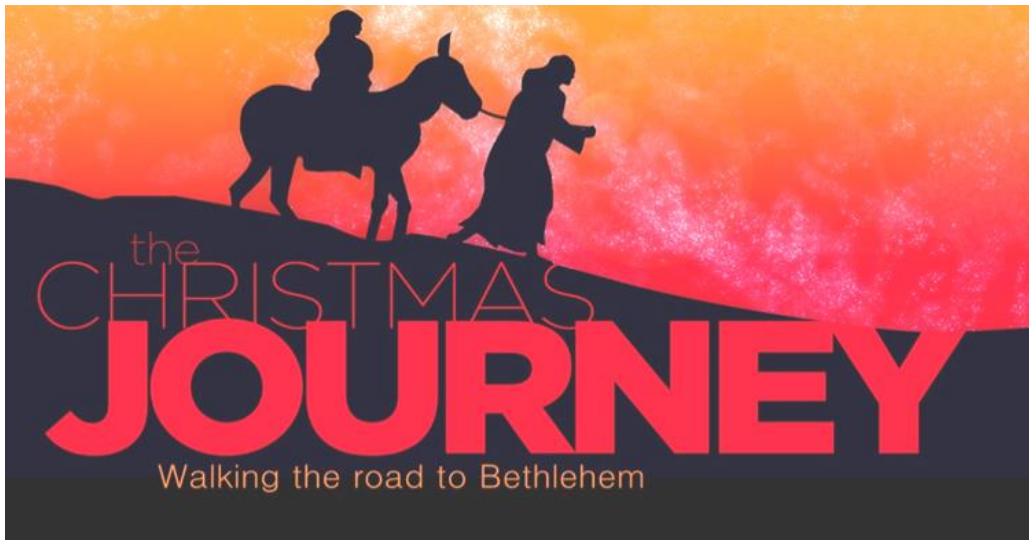
5 come back for worship next week and stick with us for six weeks. We'd love to see you again and get to know you.

Looking for ways to give?  
EMAIL allyssap@orchardhill.org for yearly tithing envelopes  
GIVE during the service  
ONLINE at orchardhill.org under Worship

Questions? Email Pastor Kathy Bartels at kathyb@orchardhill.org.



Another year, another Christmas drama! We were able to share the Good News with approximately 1,000 people that attended the Guardians of Christmas!



Welcome to our Gathering!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this Advent season. The word "Advent" means "coming." Advent is comprised of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas where we focus our attention on Jesus coming into the world as our Savior. Our prayer is that these weeks of anticipation will be an amazing journey for you as consider how Christ can come into your life in a new way this year.

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER...

We do not seek to be traditional • We do not seek to be contemporary • We seek to be authentic!

- Gathering Music
- Call to Worship: Worship team, Kids Choir, Bells
- Christmastime
- Angels We Have Heard On High
- Hillkids Christmas Praise
- Praise and Worship
- Offering
- Candle Reading
- Lighting of the Candle
- Message: The Journey Along the Road - A Walk of Hope
- Bible Reading: Luke 2:1-7 (pg. 1590)
- Closing Response
- Parting Blessing

Pastor Bob Karel

Thanks so much to the Worship Team, Bell Team, Hillkids, and parents for helping to make our service extra special this morning!

Please take the opportunity following worship to pray with someone, discover places for you to become more involved, or make a new friend over coffee and a snack. We are so glad you came, and we hope you will feel part of the family of God here at Orchard Hill.

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