

NOTES:

ORCHARD HILL CHURCH



Sunday • December 22, 2024 • 10:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

TODAY'S SERVICE: In-Person & Online

This morning we continue with our theme of "God With Us" through worship with our choir, a telling of the Christmas story, and a look at how the manger served as a sign of the arrival of the Messiah. Pastor Bob brings us the message taken from Luke 2:1-20.

GENEROSITY

"For God so loved the world, he gave his one and only son." This generous heart of our God is what we give witness to at Christmastime. With that same level of generosity let's give back to God as we bless His church and our world. You may give your tithes and offerings by placing them in the boxes on the doors to the sanctuary, using the Church Center app, or online through Church Center Give.



YEAR-END GIVING

As we are moving toward the end of the year, we want to remind you for 2024 tax advantages to make your financial gifts before the year closes. Please make sure we receive them by noon on December 31.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us Tuesday, December 24 at 5:30 PM for a beautiful candlelight service. It will be a special night of moving musical moments and spoken word as we center our hearts on the Christ of Christmas.

NEXT WEEK: HOLIDAY BRUNCH & WORSHIP

We will meet in the Gathering Space at 10:00 AM for Brunch & Worship, sharing insights from our "Year of God" and also how we lived into our "Star Words" for the year.

CONTACT US

orchardhill.org | 616.784.4060 | 1465 3 Mile Rd NW GR 49544



Facebook

Orchard Hill Church
Orchard Hill Church Fellowship Group



Instagram

ohcgr

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday– Thursday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Closed on Friday.

NURSING/QUIET ROOM

There is a nursing and quiet room available for families of infants that need a quiet place to feed or for their little one to nap inside the nursery to the right.

Orchard Hill Church exists to see people in our surrounding neighborhoods and around the world become committed followers of Jesus Christ.

CARE

PRAYERS FOR OUR OHC FAMILY

· **Julie Cordes** had successful open heart surgery to replace a valve. Please pray the healing process goes well and that Julie recovers quickly.

· Congratulations to **Abigail Poquette & Carter Maxwell!** They were married on Friday and will be moving to Byron Center. May God richly bless their life together.

· Please keep **our OHC missionary serving in Eurasia** in your prayers this season! Being away from family and friends, especially at Christmas, can be hard. Feel free to reach out with an email (can be found on the prayer card in the Connection Corner) to him for encouragement and prayer!

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you would like prayer, or are in need of pastoral care, contact the church office.

pastoralcare@orchardhill.org

Have an after-hours emergency? Contact the Pastoral Care Team at the 24-hour emergency number.

Pastoral Care Emergency Number: 616.649.2840

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY

If you are in a difficult season and need support, let us know so we can connect you to a Stephen's Minister who will listen, pray, and encourage, offering emotional and spiritual support.

pastoralcare@orchardhill.org

COMPASSIONATE CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Do not struggle alone. We are here to help!

cccoffice@cccounseling.net or 616.259.9220

NEED PRAYER?

We would love to pray for you! Please come forward before the Service if you are in need of prayer.

SALVATION CANDLE

We light the Salvation Candle when someone has placed their faith in Christ! Have you shared the Good News with someone who received it? Let the staff know so we can light the candle and celebrate what God has done!

CONNECT

COUPLE'S NEW YEAR CHALLENGE!

All couple's are invited to pick up a Couple's New Year Challenge. Use the month of January to give and receive 5 love languages to your spouse through thoughtful giving. Thank you to Tony & Beth Andrus for creating this great resource! Calendars are available on the Connect table in the lobby for you to pick up. Starts January 1st!

wendyh@orchardhill.org

KIDS MINISTRY

There will be no preschool or Hillkids on December 22 and 29. We will resume on January 5th. There will be goodie bags on the check-in desk for the kids to take.

mirandah@orchardhill.org

OUTREACH

CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS

Christmas is an opportune time to invite someone to experience the hope of Jesus! Take an invite off the tall tables by the entrances and invite a friend to join you for the Lighted Christmas path, a Sunday service, or the Christmas Eve Service. Let's share the reason for the season this Christmas!

laurad@orchardhill.org

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PATH

All are invited to celebrate the season on the Orchard Hill Lighted Christmas Path through January 3, 2025! This ¼ mile path behind the East parking lot will be lit for anyone to walk. Invite your friends and family to walk this beautiful path and celebrate Jesus!

laurad@orchardhill.org

ETC.

CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL OFFERING: The Bast Fund

The Bast Fund of Orchard Hill Church is a scholarship fund set up in the name of Dr. Henry Bast (Pastor of Bethany Reformed Church and Words of Hope) to assist those who are pursuing advanced theological studies or looking for training to enter the mission field. Please consider making a special offering to this fund on Christmas Eve so that we can continue to raise up and support those in our church family who are called to share the Good News of "Immanuel" with our world.

SUNDAY MATTERS

This coming year, we will be using the once-a-week devotional book *Sunday Matters* to get our hearts ready to worship God on Sundays. Check out this awesome family-friendly resource on the Connect table in the lobby to get a feel for what it is like. Order yours for the 2025 year online and read along with the greater OHC family!

GIVING ENVELOPES

For those who use giving envelopes, they have been placed in your member mailbox. If you currently do not use them, but would like to, please email me in the church office at:

territ@orchardhill.org

TITHES & OFFERINGS:

- Weekly Need: \$16,970
- Last Week: \$18,343 (+\$1,373)
- YTD Budget: \$407,280
- YTD Giving: \$373,228 (-\$34,052 / -8%)

