

## THOSE SERVING TODAY

**CHURCH OPENER:** Al Myers  
**CLOSER:** Rick Stover **6:30 PM-**Craig Reif

### **USHERS:**

**8:30 AM-**Gerry & Karen Corkery, Don & Joan Romano  
**11:00 AM-**Stephan & Kit White  
**6:30 PM-**Craig & Judy Reif

### **TRUSTEES:**

Don Romano, Dale Nemeec, Norma Hawk

### **ELDER READING:**

**8:30 AM-**Al Myers  
**11:00 AM-**BJ Harrison

### **NURSERY:**

**8:30 AM-**Carol Esterhai  
**11:00 AM-**Cyndie Rossi  
**6:30 PM-**Carol Esterhai

**JUNIOR CHURCH:** Kevin Bunkin, Danielle Dahme

### **GREETERS:**

**8:30 AM-Paper Mill Road:** Lou & Fran Raggi  
**8:30 AM-Church Road-**Jessica Raggi  
**11:00 AM-Paper Mill Road-**Joyce & Bob Asher  
**11:00 AM-Church Road-**Ruth Alburger  
**6:30 PM-**John & Linda Craymer

### **AMBASSADOR:**

### **PASTOR BACKUP: FLOWER DELIVERY:**

Sue Frey & Brenda Batdorf

**BUS DRIVER:** Jessica Raggi & Kathy Farrell

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**THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** have been given to the Glory of God by Mary Ellen Wolford in honor of Boyd.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - 9:45 AM**

**The Faith** (What Christians Believe, Why They Believe It, and Why It Matters)  
Led by Bill McClain in Fellowship Hall

This is no time for Christians to be ignorant of many of the tenets of our faith. This class is a DVD presentation based on the book, *The Faith* by Charles Colson. It will provide a grounding in the basic truths on which our faith rests and will provide Christians information to defend the faith intelligently and passionately.

**The Bible, God's Gift To Us**  
Led by Fran Raggi in Room 104

Young or old, new believer or seasoned Christian, we all need to depend on the Bible for our spiritual direction. How well do we know the 66 books of God's Word? Our goal will be to find our way around His Word and to gain an overall perspective of The Book that changes lives.

### **Sacred Marriage**

Led by Cynthia Eppley in Room 107

Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. Join us as we learn to love God more passionately, reflect the nature of his Son more precisely, and fulfill God's overarching purpose for our marriages. This class is based on the DVD and book of the same name by Gary Thomas.

### **Continuing -Bible Fellowship Group**

Led by Nick and Marilyn Furcola -T. R. 105

This is an open forum type discussion group covering a wide variety of topics from the Bible.

**NEW ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 11.**

# Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church

## December 4, 2011

1119 Church Road, Oreland, Pennsylvania 19075

215-887-7002; [www.orelandpres.org](http://www.orelandpres.org)

**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM Worship; 9:45 AM Christian Education**

**Assisted Listening System available; please ask an usher.**

**PLEASE turn off phones and pagers**

**PRAYER SERVICE - Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Library**

## Second Sunday in Advent



### **PREPARE TO WORSHIP**

"I Wonder as I Wander"

"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" trad. 16th c. French melody arr. by Joseph M. Martin

Beth Jenkins, Music Director

arr. by Mark Hayes

(\* indicates to stand as you are able; be seated when you need to be)

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 11:1-10** Pew Bible page 732

**8:30 AM - Elder Al Myers**

**11:00 AM - Elder BJ Harrison**

**Let us worship God!**

**"We Wait in Hope"**

The Worship Choir

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle - Responsive Litany**

**The Dean Seltzer Family**

L: Advent is a time to watch.

**R: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

L: During Advent we watch for hope in the midst of despair.

**R: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

L: During Advent we watch for forgiveness in the midst of rebellion.

**R: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

L: During Advent we watch for peace in the midst of conflict.

**R: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

L: During Advent we watch for the presence of God in the midst of a fallen world.

**R: We watch in hope for the Lord; O come, Emmanuel.**

Candle Lighting

Congregational singing

### Unison Prayer

God of heaven, as we learn to wait in faith, help us now to watch in expectation. Open our eyes that we might see the ways you are at work around us, within us and through us. Amen.

**\*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!” - #169 in the hymnbook**

### \*PRAYER of CONFESSION

Holy God, we rejoice to call you our God and Heavenly Father, who did not remain distant and aloof from us. In the birth of your Son, Jesus, you came to be Emmanuel, “God with us.” We

rejoice that you came, and yet we often live life as if you have not come. We are anxious about today and worry about tomorrow. We are slow to trust your promises. We waver in doubt, and sin in unbelief. Forgive us. Break into our strongholds; break down obstacles to our trusting You fully. *“O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav’nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.”* In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

### DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS

**Worship Choir Anthem:** “Sing Noel, Sing Hallelujah”

by Michael W. Smith/David Hamilton, arr. by Keith Christopher

### *Greet one another in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Children are always welcome to remain in worship. Activity kits are available in the back of the sanctuary in the plastic containers. Junior church is available for children ages 4 through grade 2 during the 8:30 worship service. It is held in classroom S4 beneath the sanctuary.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Colossians 3:1-17 (15-17)

Pew Bible p. 1253

**SERMON:** Characteristics of Christian Maturity:

Pastor Jim Farrell

8-“Safeguards of the Christian Life”

### PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS - Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**CHURCH NEWS - Please sign the Friendship Pad**

*(Elders and Deacons serving communion, please come to the table.)*

**TIME of EXAMINATION** *Whoever, therefore eats of the bread or drinks of the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.* (1 Corinthians 11:27-19)

### PRAYERS WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

### INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

**SERVING OF THE BREAD** Sing: “I Wonder As I Wander” - #183 - Stanzas 1&2

**SERVING OF THE CUP** Sing: “I Wonder As I Wander” - Stanzas 3&4

### THANKSGIVING

“At the Name of Jesus” - #351

### \*BLESSING

**\*POSTLUDE:** “Joy to the World”

arr. by Don Hustad