

Lake Osborne

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 27, 2009
Christmas

Welcome to Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to whosoever would come –
This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are a church committed to welcoming all those who are interested in learning more about Jesus Christ. Our desire is to provide honest answers to honest questions, no matter where you are in the spiritual spectrum – those who are convinced, those who are confused, and those who are skeptical. We hope that our service will encourage and build up those who are believers as well as challenge and help those who are spiritually seeking.

As we move through the service please note that the texts in bold are meant to be said by the congregation. The * symbol next to a heading indicates that those who are able should stand.

Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church is a part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). For more information about the PCA please visit www.pcanet.org.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Quotes for Reflection

The incarnation is the supreme example of fulfilled prophecy, the supreme example of God's faithfulness to his promises.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *My Soul Magnifies the Lord:
Meditations on the Meaning of Christmas*

Here is the great fulfillment; and so you will find all the Old Testament prophets, psalmists, and seers have seen this. They are looking forward...it is all in and through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and what he did when he was in this world, and what he is now continuing and applying in the glory.

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These titles are not alien to the subject but are adapted to the case in hand, for the prophet describes what Christ will show himself to be toward believers. The redemption he has brought surpasses the creation of the world. It amounts to this: The grace of God, which will be exhibited in Christ, exceeds all miracles.

John Calvin, *Isaiah*

Prelude: *Angels We Have Heard On High*, French Carol arr: Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

****Call To Worship:***

Leader: All God's people—

Boys and girls, women, men:

People: Come and worship!

Leader: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

People: Come and worship! Come and worship!

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

All: Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!


***Invocation**

***Christmas Carol:** No. 218 – *Angels From the Realms of Glory*


***Christmas Carol:** No. 223 – *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born*

John Morrison, 1781; alt.

AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
arr. Lowell Mason, 1839



1. To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n, him
2. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, for - ev - er - more a - dored, the
3. His pow'r, in - creas - ing, still shall spread, his reign no end shall know; jus -
4. To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n, the



shall the tribes of earth o - bey, him__ all the hosts of heav'n.
Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the__ great and might - y Lord.
tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and__ peace a - bound be - low.
Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the__ might - y Lord of heav'n.

***Affirmation of Faith** – *Belgic Confession, Article 18*

We profess that God fulfilled the promise that he had made to the early fathers by the mouth of his holy prophets when he sent his only and eternal Son into the world at the time set by him. The Son took the “form of a servant” and was made in the “likeness of man,” truly assuming a real human nature, with all its weaknesses, except for sin; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, without male participation.

And he not only assumed human nature as far as the body is concerned but also a real human soul, in order that he might be a real human being. For since the soul had been lost as well as the body, he had to assume them both to save them both together. In this way he is truly our Immanuel—that is: “God with us.”

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Luke 2:10-11

Do not be afraid,
For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy
Which will be to all people.
For there is born to you this day in the city of David, as Savior,
Who is Christ the Lord.

****Doxology:*** No. 214 – *Angels We Have Heard on High* (v. 1, 3)

DEDICATING OUR LIVES

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer for Children's Church

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING HIS WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

Prayer for Understanding

Sermon: "For unto us"

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***Christmas Carol:** No. 195 – *Joy to the World*

***Benediction**

***Postlude:** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* by Felix Mendelssohn, arr: *John Ames*

SERMON NOTES

I. The Coming Light

II. His Victories

III. His Kingdom

Participants in the Worship Service

Rev. Omar Ortiz – Senior Pastor
Rev. Jay Forester – Assistant Pastor
Dr. Carl Ashley – Music Director
Mr. Michael A. Harris – Accompanist
Valerie Tate – Soloist

Flowers - The flowers on the alter today are presented to the
Glory of God, in memory of Tom Noller. *12/28/08*
With love, Evelyn, family and friends.

Flower dates open: Jan 3, 10, 24, 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Wide Events

Welcome! We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please fill out the blue card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. Sunday sermons are available on our website: www.lopca.org.

Weekly Prayer Request- available at the outreach table in the Narthex.

E-Mail Update – If you would like to receive information from the church via e-mail please note your address on the blue card or let us know if there have been any recent changes to your address. Please know that your email information **WILL NOT** be given out.

Boxing of the Greens - Sunday, January 3 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Nursery - The nursery (3 and under) is located on the first floor of the Sanctuary Building. Please pick up your children immediately after the service is over.

Wednesday Night activities are cancelled Dec.30. All activities will resume on Wednesday, January 6th starting with the Youth Spaghetti Dinner at 6 pm.

The WIC Council needs volunteers to launder/iron linens after church events. We are looking for anyone who could make a “lifetime” commitment, but any help when needed would be appreciated. Contact Melissa Backus at 370-9266 or bmback@comcast.net. Thank you in advance for your consideration! **Note:** We are missing several of the church linens. If you have borrowed any for an event please return them as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you have any to return. Thank you.

2009 Contributions - IRS rules require that churches record contributions in the year in which they are received. A check dated 2009, but received by the church in 2010 must be recorded as a 2010 contribution. Checks mailed and postmarked in 2009 but not received by the church until 2010 are exceptions. They will be recorded as 2009 contributions. Thank you for your ongoing support towards God’s Kingdom.

Adult Ministries

Sunday School - Class 1 - John Brandt is teaching a class on the life of David using the book *The Shepherd King* by Roger Ellsworth. Class 2 - Stephen Van Roekel is teaching from the book of *Galatians*. These classes meet on the first floor of the Education Building.

Adult Thursday Night Home Bible Studies - If you are interested in having or joining a home Bible study please contact the office at 582-5686 for information.

Women’s Wednesday Night Bible Study – cancelled until Wed., Jan 6.

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Bridal Shower - Ladies please join hostesses Mary Downing Forester and Anna Forester for a bridal shower honoring Alecia Koerner this Saturday, January 2, at 2:00 pm in the Parlor. Alecia is engaged to Justin Forester and their wedding is planned for late February. Please RSVP to Anna Forester at 968-2806.

Children’s Ministry

Children’s Church (4yrs. – 3rd grade) - We encourage parents to take the time to talk to their kids about what they are learning. Today: December 27, *Luke 2:39-52*—Jesus is amazing! For more information please contact Lisa Lennon, l.lennon@live.com. Please pick up your children after the service in the Education Building.

Awana (3yrs. - 6th grade) – cancelled until Wed., Jan 6.

Nursery Volunteers

During Sunday School	Dec. 27 – Lisa L.; Vicki B.
During Worship (0-2 yrs)	Dec. 27 - Peggy S.; Martha M.
During Worship (2-3 yrs)	Dec. 27 - TBA
Children’s Church: (4 yrs-3rd grade)	Dec. 27 – Teacher – Lisa L.; Helper – Jennifer W.

Youth Ministry

Sunday School - We are using the book *The Enemy Within* by Kris Lundgaard. Youth Sunday School meets on the second floor in the Education Building. Contact Jay Forester for more information or to get a copy of the book.

Sunday Nights – will not be meeting until January 10, 2010

Wednesday Nights – Cancelled until Wed., Jan 6.

Outreach/Service Opportunities

English as a Second Language Program (ESL) - We need volunteers for program organizers, teachers, and enablers. Please submit your name to Maria Osso on the blue card. A general planning meeting is set after the 1st of the year. Date TBA.

THIS WEEK AT LOPC: December 27 - January 2

Today	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Sunday School; Nursery
	10:00 am -10:25 am	Fellowship; Library Open
	10:30 am -11:30 am	Worship; Children’s Church;
Thurs		New Year's Eve
Fri		<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</i> (Office Closed)
Sat	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Sat. Prayer Group (Education Building)

CONGREGATION REPORT

January-October

	Operating	Capital Improv.	Missions	Total Budget
Income	332,252.33	15,730.00	65,218.25	413,200.58
Expense	354,141.73	38,751.07	66,934.58	459,827.38
Inc-Exp	-21,889.40	-23,021.07	-1,716.33	-46,626.80

November

	Operating	Capital Improv.	Missions	Total Budget
Income	42,359.57	2,600.00	5,038.00	49,997.57
Expense	40,335.89	0.00	5,285.00	45,620.89
Inc-Exp	2,023.68	2,600.00	-247.00	4,376.68

Year to Date

	Operating	Capital Improv.	Missions	Total Budget
Income	374,611.90	18,330.00	70,256.25	463,198.15
Expense	394,477.62	38,751.07	72,219.58	505,448.27
Inc-Exp	-19,865.72	-20,421.07	-1,963.33	-42,250.12

OFFICERS

Elders

Omar Ortiz, *moderator*
Jay Myers, *clerk*
John Brandt
Joe Brown
Jim Forester
David Livanec
Babe Ruth
John Stelter
Buddy Tate
David Wade
Tom Doyle
Don Hair, *emeritus*

Deacons

Charles Gauger, *chairman*
Pascal Amouzou, *church treasurer*
Chris Kibben, *secretary*
Bob Lee, *treasurer*
Ron Backus
Bryan Backus
Troy Bailes
Thomas Kauper
Henri Dietlin

Women in the Church

WIC Council:

Becky Forester
Melissa Backus
Anna May Kinser
Maria Osso
Denise Brown

LOPC Missions

Missionaries

Clay Quarterman, Ukraine
Rick Aschmann, Ecuador
Ramiro Araujo, Ecuador
Joe Fitzpatrick, Puerto Rico
Howard Shelden, Texas
David Jones, Africa
Tim McKeown, US Hispanic ministry

Bob Tanzie, Spain
Garry Chambers, Belize
Alice Hatch, MTW Atlanta
Mike McMahan, Ecuador
Jim Patterson, No. Carolina
Craig Gahagen, Peru

Local Ministries

First Care
Equip India (Dennis Clark)

Other Ministries

PCA Chaplins
MTW Administration
Embers to a Flame
ESL

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