



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:00am In person (RSVP) - or - watch livestream

11:00am In person (RSVP); children's ministries available

<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>	Pastor Josh
<b>Baptism</b>	Emily Bugler
<b>Songs to God</b>	Worship Team
<b>Bible Teaching</b>	Pastor John
<b>Song of Reflection</b>	Worship Team

*As a courtesy to others, please keep your mask on before & after the service. You are welcome to take it off while at your seat. Thanks!*

### **Special Upcoming Opportunities**

**2021 BUDGET VOTE:** Private ballot by those members in attendance – SUNDAY DEC 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Save the date! Join us for a candlelight service at either **4:30 or 6:00pm**. Children's Ministry available @ 4:30 service. MUST R.S.V.P. online beginning 12/21 - [openarmschurch.com](http://openarmschurch.com)

### **Everyday Life at OAC**

**NEW GUESTS: PLEASE VISIT THE WELCOME BOOTH IN THE CAFÉ TO RECEIVE A GIFT FOR YOU/FAMILY AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY!**

**GROWTH / CONNECTIONS:** Desiring to grow in your faith? Want to connect with others around the application of God's Word? Let us know how we can serve you! Visit the "Growing" tab to learn more.

**BAPTISM:** Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

**MISSIONS:** To learn more about the missions that we engage in and how to get involved, visit the "Missions" tab on our website.

**PRAYER:** Express a prayer need at any time via our website (under the "Resources" tab). Join with others on Sundays 10-10:40am for prayer in the last room on the left in the Education wing.

**GIVING OPTIONS:** (1) Online giving available via link on "Resources" tab on our website (2) Checks can be mailed to 2714 Curry Rd, Schdy 12303 (3) Drop in offering boxes mounted by Worship Center doors.

*For more information, visit our website:*

[OpenArmsChurch.com](http://OpenArmsChurch.com)

## **Consider Jesus** (Hebrews 12:3-17 ESV)

<sup>3</sup>Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. <sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

<sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives (*Proverbs 3:11-12*)."<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

<sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God (*1 Peter 5:5-10*); that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

### **Consider Jesus when:**

**1) Wearied** by the hostility of the world toward you and the sin battle within you - it's not as bad as it could be. **v3-4**

**2) Enduring the discipline** of God – it proves a loving, intentional relationship resulting in maturity if you allow. **v5-13**

**3) Striving** for outward **peace** and inner **holiness** despite desires for retribution & immediate gratification. **v14-17**