



**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL  
MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.**

10:00am – December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Children’s Ministry (*birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade*) available

<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>		Pastor Brian
<b>Worship in Song</b>		Christmas Choir
<b>Bible Teaching</b>		Pastor John
<b>Worship in Song</b>	Candle-light	Worship Team

**NEW GUESTS:** Please visit the Welcome Booth in café after service to receive a gift! We also invite you to fill out the Connection Card (*seat pocket in front of you*) & drop in the box at the Booth in cafe.

**Special Upcoming Opportunities**

**2024 ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE PASSED 100% UNANIMOUS - Officers 99%.** Thank you for your involvement and support!

**SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION WORKSHOP: Sun. Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 11:45am.**  
Pizza served – please RSVP in foyer 12/31. All parents, grandparents, and children’s ministry volunteers encouraged to attend – PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED (childcare in Kids Church for birth thru 6<sup>th</sup> gr).

**OPEN ARMS APP:** Our Open Arms APP is being discontinued as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. We are updating our website & will provide more information on how you can stay connected online as we progress.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:** Be on the lookout for new groups forming in late January, listed in program, then enroll in foyer!

**INDOOR SPORTS/REC:**

**Mon:** Men’s Basketball 7-9:30pm. Tim Stuitje: tim.stuitje@gmail.com

**Tues:** Kid’s Playdate - 10-noon Tiffani Stuitje: tnt.stuitje@gmail.com

**Tues:** Coed Volleyball - 6:30-8:30pm. Kevin Ellwood: 315-269-6433

**Wed:** Coed Pickleball - 6:30-9:00pm. Tim & Tiffani Stuitje.

**Everyday Life at OAC**

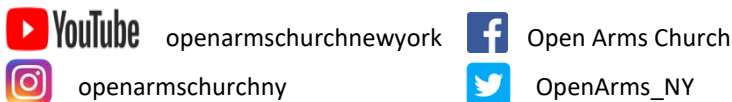
**BAPTISM:** Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

**PRAYER:** Join with others on **Sundays 9-9:40am** and/or the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 6:30pm** in the last room on the left in the Education wing.

**GIVING OPTIONS:** 1) Drop in offering boxes by worship center doors  
2) Check by mail. 3) Use link on website / app. *website: /egiving*

*For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:*

OpenArmsChurch.com



**JOIN US AS WE COMMISSION FIRESIDE CHURCH ON NEW YEARS EVE**

**Cake celebration to follow – All invited!**

*For the latest happenings with the new church plant, visit:*

**FiresideChurchNY.com**

**Consider this Jesus**

John 1:1-14 ESV

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

<sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**1) Jesus is truly God - creator, sustainer & redeemer. v1-3**  
*When was the last time Jesus took your breath away?*

**2) Jesus is true light & offers us sight to ‘really’ see. v4-9**  
*Where do you need genuine light to shine in dark places?*

**3) Jesus is to be personally received/believed on. v10-13**  
*What hinders you from being “born of God” as His child?*

**4) Jesus became human so God could become personal.**  
*Words matter and Gods message is gracious & truthful.*