

# OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's Day  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
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The asterisk (\*) is an invitation to please stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE**

**Variations**

Hugo Distler

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey E. Bryan

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Mexico Mission Trip/Carolina Imm. Alliance:

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*GATHERING SONG #137**

**He Came Down (sing twice)**

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love;

He came down that we may have love;

hallelujah forevermore.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Letarshia C. Robinson

One: "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

All: Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN #408**

**There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

I confess that I have a problem. I am powerless over sin, and my life has become unmanageable. I need a savior. Therefore, I surrender my will and my life to you, Almighty God, my Higher Power. Lord, you know the exact nature of my wrongs. Please have mercy and forgive me. Search my heart, remove all my shortcomings, and heal

what I have broken. God, grant me the courage to make amends to those I have harmed; and whenever I am wrong, may I promptly admit it. Make me aware of your constant presence, show me your will for my life, and give me the power to carry it out...

*(individual, silent prayers of confession)*

In Jesus's name we pray. **Amen.**

## **\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #582**      **Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. *(three times)***

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**Psalm 40:1-8**

**McCall Rushing**

**One:** I waited patiently for you, O LORD;  
you listened to me and heard my cry.

**All:** **You lifted me out of the pit, out of the muddy bog;  
you set my feet upon a rock and made my steps secure.**

**One:** You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

**All:** **Happy are those who trust in the LORD,  
who do not look to the proud or turn to false gods.**

**One:** O LORD my God, you have done great things!  
Your wonders and your plans for us are great!  
No one can be compared with you.

**All:** **Were I to speak and tell of your deeds,  
they would be more than can be counted.**

One: You do not desire sacrifice and offering,  
you do not demand gifts and payments;  
but you have given me an open ear, and so I said,

All: “Here I am.

In the scroll of the book it is written about me:  
‘I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.’”

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

## There Is A Balm

William Dawson

There is a balm in Gilead,  
To make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead,  
To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
And say, “He died for all.”

## CHILDREN’S TIME

*The nursery is available for birth to three-year-olds, in Oakland Hall. Following the Children’s Time, children (4-year-olds - 1<sup>st</sup> graders) are invited to go with their leaders to Kids’ Kirk (Scottish for “church”). They may be picked up in the Chapel. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to remain in worship with their families.*

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

“The Temptation of Christ”

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## OFFERING

*The first Sunday of each month, the loose offering goes into the Compassionate Care Fund. This fund is used to assist those in need of financial aid. You may give your gifts to God during the offering by texting OAPC to 73256, through the Church Life mobile app, by mail, online, or in the office.*

## \*OFFERTORY

Jubal's Trumpet

Franklin Ashdown

## \*DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #610            O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

## **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE                            Fanfare                            Nicolas Lemmons**

### **Welcome Visitors**

Would you like to have information about our church? At the bottom of the stairs to the left is an information table. There you can have questions answered, receive information packets, or sign up for church newsletter, if so desired.

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## SESSION

### **Elders, the leadership of the church.**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
<b>Clerk / Nominating</b>	Jeanne Pearson	Stephen Price
<b>Congregational Care</b>	Debra Hess	Diane Murphy
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<b>Fellowship</b>	Jim Armour	Gloria Jones
<b>Finance</b>	Paul Lee	Gary Brannan
<b>Mission</b>	Sue Williams	Kim Keel
<b>Personnel</b>	Susan Van Zile	Erin Hamel
<b>Property</b>	Dennis Haire	J. Robert Hyman
<b>Worship</b>	Lucinda Sutton	Brittany Morgan

## DIACONATE

### **Deacons, the caring arm of the church.**

Ellen Barnard	Bradley Brown	Becky McGinnis
Robin Huffmon	Tony Jones	Katrina Newberry
Hall Rogers	Grace Lewis	Mary Scheper
Sally Shive	Keith Morton	Sandra Thomas
Robin Williams	Karen Morton	Kathy Wright



*Christ caring for people through people*

**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

Bill Bradford*	Alice Lavender	Ann McKenzie
Jo Grier	Cindy Mayfield*	Robin Perry*
Caroline Hasselle	Clarkson McDow	Becca Robinson
Sarah Lynn Hayes*	Sue Williams	Jane Turner*
Stephanie Hyatt*	Alice Lavender	Kim Wasson*
Gloria Jones	Mary Ann McDow	*Stephen Leaders