

OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
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The asterisk (*) is an invitation to please stand as you are able.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Bryan

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

All: And also with you.

MINUTES FOR STEWARDSHIP

Paul Lee

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING SONG #606

Gina Jones, Keyboardist

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.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 10:45

Rev. Letarshia C. Robinson

One: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,

All: and to give his life a ransom for many.

One: Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

My God and Creator, I confess that I have sinned against you in many terrible ways: outwardly with my words and actions, but much more inwardly, with selfishness, impatience, lust, greed, jealousy, hatred, meanness, and such other sinful habits, as you know completely. My Lord and my God, I am so sorry, and I beg you for mercy. Please forgive me. *(Silent, individual 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER	Psalm 96:1-6, 11-13	McCall Rushing
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One: Sing to the LORD a new song!
 Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Sing to the LORD! Bless God's name!
 Share the news of God's saving work every single day!

One: Declare God's glory among the nations;
 declare God's wondrous works among all people
 because the LORD is great and so worthy of praise.

All: God is awesome beyond all other gods
 because all the gods of the nations are just idols,
 but it is the LORD who created heaven!

One: Splendor and majesty are in front of the LORD;

All: strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

One: Let heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!

All: Let the sea and everything in it roar!

One: Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!

All: Then all the trees of the forest
 will sing for joy before the LORD!

One: God is coming to establish justice on the earth!

All: God will judge the world rightly.
God will establish justice among all people fairly.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Knock – Knock – Knock
Joyful Praise Choir

Roger Day

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 - 1st graders) are invited to go with their leaders to Kids’ Kirk (Scottish for “church”). They may be picked up in the Chapel. 2nd through 5th graders are invited to remain in worship with their families.

***HYMN #716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Stewardship 1”

ANTHEM

Set Me As a Seal

René Clausen

*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.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Barbara Beam – joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Lilly Faye Brock – joined by Reaffirmation of Faith, Affiliate Member, with Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston.

Melissa, Eric, and Daniel Parks – joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

QUILT DEDICATION: JANE NEELY

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 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Michael Larkin**

***DOXOLOGY #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Margaret Ellen “Elle” Burnette. Elle was born on September 28, 2026, and is the daughter of Ally and Hagan Burnette.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by the Stephen Ministers with love, care, and encouragement for all those who are going through a difficult time.

Welcome Visitors

We are glad you are here! We would love to meet you! There is an information table in the Welcome Center. 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.

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
Clerk / Nominating	Jeanne Pearson	Stephen Price
Congregational Care	Debra Hess	Diane Murphy
Faith Formation	Meredith Neely	Becky Little
Fellowship	Jim Armour	Gloria Jones
Finance	Paul Lee	Gary Brannan
Mission	Sue Williams	Kim Keel
Personnel	Susan Van Zile	Erin Hamel
Property	Dennis Haire	J. Robert Hyman
Worship	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	Becca Robinson
Jo Grier	Cindy Mayfield*	Jane Turner*
Caroline Hasselle	Clarkson McDow	Kim Wasson*
Sarah Lynn Hayes*	Mary Ann McDow	Sue Williams
Stephanie Hyatt*	Ann McKenzie	
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