

OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's Day
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Office Hours: Mon.–Fri., 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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The asterisk (*) is an invitation to please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

“Offertoire”

Francois Couperin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Letarshia C. Robinson

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

All: And also with you.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GATHERING SONG #538**

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

**Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
All our hearts are filled with gladness.**

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All our hearts are filled with gladness.**

(repeat)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 118

One: O give thanks to the LORD, who is good;

All: whose steadfast love endures forever!

One: This is the day the LORD has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: With the LORD on my side I do not fear.

All: What can mortals do to me?

One: I shall not die, but I shall live,

All: and proclaim what the LORD has done.

One: O give thanks to the LORD, who is good;

All: whose steadfast love endures forever!

***HYMN #645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, forgive us.

For failing to love you completely,
for failing to love others as you have loved us,
for wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,
for plundering the earth and abusing the planet,
for losing heart and abandoning hope,
and for all the ways we turn away from you,

God of grace, forgive us.

(Silent, individual prayers of confession)

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 121

Jane Modla

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—
where does my help come from?

**All: My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

One: The Lord will not let your foot be moved—
the One who watches over you will not slumber.

**All: Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

One: It is the Lord who watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**All: The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

One: The Lord will defend you from all evil;
The Lord will keep safe.

**All: The Lord shall watch over
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth forevermore.**

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“O Love”
OAPC Choral Scholars

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

CHILDREN’S TIME

The nursery is available for birth to three-year-olds, in the Parlor. 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 #833**

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Pray Always and Don't Lose Heart"

*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

“Lord of the Dance”

Gerald Bales

*DOXOLOGY #606

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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 #384

“Soon and Very Soon”

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Prelude on St. Thomas”

Aaron Williams

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SESSION

Elders, the leadership of the church.

Committee	Chair	Vice Chair
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Faith Formation	Gracie Magyar	Meredith Neely
Fellowship	Jamie Brannan	Jim Armour
Finance	Clarke Moore	Paul Lee
Mission	Kim Keel	Sue Williams
Personnel	Steve Vogel	Susan Van Zile
Property	Dennis Haire	J. Robert Hyman
Worship	Lucinda Sutton	Brittany Morgan

DIACONATE

Deacons, the caring arm of the church.

Laura Back	Ellen Barnard	Bradley Brown
Becky McGinnis	Robin Huffmon	Tony Jones
Carolyn Moore	Hall Rogers	Grace Lewis
Brenda Nicholson	Sally Shive	Stephen Marshall
Sandra Thomas	Robin Williams	Keith & Karen Morton



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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