

OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

PRELUDE

Harrison Warner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey E. Bryan

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

All: And also with you.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING SONG #363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 55

Rev. Letarshia C. Robinson

One: Come, all you who are thirsty,

All: come to the waters;

One: and you who have no money,

All: come, buy and eat!

One: Come, buy wine and milk

All: without money and without price.

One: Seek the LORD while he may be found;

call on the Holy One while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

All: Let us return to the LORD, who will have mercy.

Let us return to our God, who will forgive us generously.

One: Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior...

(Silent, individual prayers of confession)

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

***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.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:8-15

Zoë West

One: We proclaim the message of faith,
and that message “is near you;
it is in your mouth and in your heart.”

All: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,”
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

One: For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,
and it is with your mouth
that you profess your faith and are saved.

All: As Scripture says,
“No one who believes in God will be put to shame.”

One: There is no difference between Jew and Greek—

the same Lord is Lord of all
and richly blesses all who call out for help.

All: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

One: But, how can they call on someone they don’t believe in?

All: And how can they believe in someone they haven’t heard of?

One: And how can they hear without someone to proclaim?

All: And how can anyone proclaim unless they are sent?

One: That’s why the Bible says:

All: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Laudamus Te

Vivaldi Gloria

“We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you.”

Lilie Kyger & Chelsea Stepp – Soprano

Susan Read – Piano

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 #649

Amazing Grace

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have

commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What We Do, Pt. 5: Evangelism”

*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

Harrison Warner

***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**

***CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

***HYMN #442** Just as I Am, without One Plea

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Harrison Warner

The rose in the sanctuary today is in honor of Oliver Shaw Brafford. Oliver was born on July 11, 2026, and is the son of Gina and Robert Brafford.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of F. Kirby and Carole Smith by the family of Fred and Sue Smith.

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 the church newsletter, if so desired.

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SESSION

Elders, the leadership of the church.

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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*
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