

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 11, 2018

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

As you arrive in the sanctuary, please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

*those who are comfortable, please stand

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is* Adams

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Adapted from Psalm 146*

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: Praise the Lord and sing God's songs!

One: Praise the Lord and put your trust in our God.

Many: For we will find help, we will find hope, in our God.

One: Praise the Lord who loves and protects you!

Many: Praise the Lord who loves forever!

One: May the Lord watch over all who need protection!

Many: May the Lord reign forever and ever! Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN** *Heleluyan, We Are Singing* No. 642

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. Forgive us, Lord, when we bolster ourselves for our own honor, while ignoring the very real needs of our neighbors and friends. You, O Lord, have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*Cantor sings responses through first, followed by the congregation*)

"Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you." (repeat)

*SHARING THE PEACE

(Share the peace of Christ as you feel led, with a wave, a smile, a kind word, or a handshake.)

THE WORD

TIME FOR GROWING DISCIPLES

(At the conclusion of the Time for Growing Disciples, children ages birth to 3rd grade may stay in worship or go to the nursery.)

ANTHEM *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Wood
Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 17:8-16
(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:38-44
(see insert)

SERMON Rev. Amy Bertschausen

MEDITATION IN MUSIC

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)** The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN *Take My Life* No. 697

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

(Please sign the Friendship Register found at the end of the pew. Complete information, including your email, and pass pad along to those worshipping with you.)

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory *Jesus is Lord* Koerts

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 607
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

MOMENT FOR MISSION Deb Wiethop

CONGREGATIONAL JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness, and your invitation to join in!)

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* No. 547

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Everything Is Yours, Lord* *Zambian Hymn*

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African American Presbyterianism

This month on the NEXT Church blog, Carlton Johnson and Denise Anderson curated a series highlighting African American Presbyterianism. We heard from individuals serving black churches about their ministries and the challenges and opportunities they encounter. How do resolutions or decisions made on the denominational level impact these churches, if at all? What are we going to do as a denomination to address the systemic racism that brought us where we are today? The blog posts can be read online at www.nextchurch.net/blog/

Here are some highlights from the series:

1. **"Black and Presbyterian"** // Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary president Paul Roberts kicks the series off with a reflection on a resolution from the PCUSA General Assembly.
2. **"Changing the Perception"** // Amantha Barbee considers the disconnect between the PCUSA and how African Americans worship.
3. **"The Church that Is Becoming"** // Floretta Watkins notes that representation will not erase racism in the PCUSA.
4. **"Plenty Good Room at the Table"** // Jerrod Lowry argues that no resolution can undo the bad actions that have undermined black Presbyterian churches.

Presbyterian Peacemaking Travel Seminars

Presbyterians interested in learning about conflict and reconciliation, from both an active and historical perspective, have an opportunity to do so by participating in one of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program's travel study seminar series upcoming in Spring 2019. Reconciliation Work in Rwanda: Healing the Trauma of the Genocide is scheduled for March 11–23, 2019, and Ukraine and Russia: Peacemaking on the Front Line is scheduled for April 22 – May 6, 2019. The due date for applications is November 15 for the Rwanda seminar, and December 15 for the Ukraine-Russia seminar. "Both of our 2019 Peacemaking travel study seminars are more than just 'bucket list' trips," said Carl Horton, coordinator for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. "These are carefully planned opportunities to engage in real, on-the-ground peacebuilding efforts. In Rwanda, we will engage in skill-building and learn from the reconciliation practices of our Rwandan colleagues. The Ukraine and Russia seminar will explore the context of an active conflict and conclude in Poland, where we hope to bring Ukrainians and Russians together for peacebuilding and reconciliation dialogue." For more information about both seminars, including a sample itinerary and an application form, visit the Peacemaking Program's travel study seminar web page or call 800-728-7228, ext. 5805. www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/travel_study/

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church
Rev. Erin Counihan, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Parish Associate
Mrs. Susan Brown, Minister of Music
Ms. Annie Girresch, Director, AMEN St. Louis
Ms. Carole Adams, Secretary
Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 noon in writing.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK November 11, 2018

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Worship
	Following Worship	Congregational Meeting in the Large Assembly Room
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Block Captains Meeting in the Theleos Room
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	6:30 p.m.	Tower Grove South Neighborhood Association Meeting in the Large Assembly Room
Friday	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Open Gym Night

We welcome you to worship at Oak Hill. We greet everyone in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and celebrate the gift of God's incarnate love through our worship and service.

For more information about what's happening at Oak Hill, don't forget to check out our website at www.oakhillpcusa.org.

Today's Liturgist is **Christine Woodward**. Greeters are **Donna Cook and Matt Hanify**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Joe Bradshaw, Brent Crittenden, and Jeff Dahl**. Nursery Caregivers are **Sheryl Ream and Jan Stanford**. The **Stewardship and Property Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in November

We are thrilled to welcome today's preacher, the **Rev. Amy Bertschausen** to worship with us at Oak Hill. Pastor Amy is the Executive Director of Care and Counseling, a local inter-faith non-profit that provides mental health services for all ages, as well as congregational and clergy education programs. Care and Counseling uses several offices here in our Oak Hill building to see patients regularly. Pastor Amy is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is a graduate of Bethany College and the University of Chicago Divinity School.

As a church family, we shall be praying this morning and all week for the following members and friends. You may wish to contact them to indicate your interest and ask if they have any special prayer concerns.

Eva, Eric, Elizabeth and Oliver Bischoff
Emily Bischoff
Josh, Kim, and Avery

If you have a specific prayer request to share with the congregation, please fill out the yellow prayer request form in the pew and place it in the offering plate. For prayers and congregational support during the week, call Pastor Erin or the church office.

Attention Elders – Session will meet on Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Faith and Fellowship Room. If you are unable to attend you should notify Pastor Erin or Carole Adams, Clerk of Session.

Open gym night is coming up on Friday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. This is for middle and high schoolers. Please consider volunteering. We have snacks and fun times playing sports, games and sometimes there's a mean game of Uno going on! Not to mention crafts, coloring and puzzles plus snacks! There is a volunteer signup in the Large Assembly Room. Please contact Dena Roper with any questions.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, November 11

A Congregational Meeting will be held today following worship, to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2019, to present the 2019 Asking Budget, and to receive a 2018 Nominating Committee Report, nominating for election the following persons to fill positions of leadership in the church:

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Class of</u>
LeAnne Smith	2019 (1-year term)
Brent Crittenden	2021 (3-year term)
Heather Macarthur	2021 (3-year term)
Josh Smith	2021 (3-year term)
(Vacant)	2021 (3-year term)

In addition, the following are nominated to serve in the following positions:

<u>2019 Nominating Committee</u>	<u>2019 Personnel Committee</u>
<u>Congregational Members-at-Large</u>	
Brian Beckmann	Jeff Dahl
Georgia Smith	
Deb Wiethop	

Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any eligible voter. Any person nominated shall have given advance consent to be nominated.

A quorum for a congregational meeting at Oak Hill consists of the Moderator, Secretary, and 20 percent (22 active members) of eligible voters. If we do not have a quorum, the meeting will have to be rescheduled. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that all active members of Oak Hill attend the meeting. Coffee and donuts will be served.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’ ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ ¹²But she said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’ ¹³Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.’ ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;
People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:38-44

38 As he taught, he said, ‘Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.’
41 He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’

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