

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 18, 2018

33rd 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

This Day the Lord Has Given Us

Scholefield

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is but the beginning...

Many: **Jesus was on a journey, healing and helping,**

One: Teaching and leading,

Many: **Challenging and guiding,**

One: Tossing and turning,

Many: **And proclaiming God's message of truth and love.**

One: This is but the beginning...

Many: **Jesus told them,**

One: There is more to come,

Many: **And it's going to get messy,**

One: And it won't be easy, but

Many: **This is but the beginning...**

One: God has so much more prepared for us.

Many: **God has so much more to offer us.**

One: God has so much more love for us.

Many: **It is but the beginning...**

One: Come, let's see what God can do.

Many: **Come, let's see what God is doing...**

*OPENING HYMN

God of Great and God of Small

No. 19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Lord, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole hearts. We have not always loved our neighbors as you commanded. We have created systems and structures of injustice and oppression. We have been slow to tear down institutions of corruption and greed. We have hesitated to name and dismantle tools of power and hate that have hurt your people for generations.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (cont'd)

Forgive us. Call us back to you with your ethic of love, with your song of peace, with your dance of righteousness. By your grace, renew us again. Help us to help our neighbors. Show us how to share your abundance, your compassion, your justice, and your love, now and always. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“My soul proclaims the Lord my God; My spirit sings God's praise,

Who looks on me and lifts me up. That gladness fills my days.” (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

I Will Always Be With You

Martin

Donna Cook, vocalist

Kim Smith, flutist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Erin Counihan

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;

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (cont'd)**

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** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* No. 761

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.)

Moment for Mission Brian Heuckroth

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory *King Jesus Is A-Listenin'* Traditional Spiritual

***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.*

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** *Canticle of the Turning* No. 100

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *His Name Is Wonderful* Mieir

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FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10

2Hannah prayed and said, “My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. 2“There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. 3Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. 5Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. 6The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. 8He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and on them he has set the world. 9“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. 10The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

13As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” 3When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!

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 18, 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	Time of Fellowship (and snacks)
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause OAK HILL NEWS DEADLILNE
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Book Club @ Barrow Residence
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	La Leche League in the Nursery
Thursday		THANKSGIVING – Office Closed
Friday		DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING - Office Closed

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.

We hope you will stay and join us for a time of fellowship after worship today. We’ll gather downstairs for coffee and snacks!

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 **Don Stanford**. Greeters are **Avery Smith and Kim Smith**. Ushers are **Sarah Gibson, Josh Smith, Rick Soles, and Rich Wiethop**. Nursery Caregivers are **Lisa Thompson and Karen Zigler**. The **Stewardship and Property Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in November

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.

Susan Brown and Bill Bandy
Mary and Bob Schlemeier
LeAnne and Aidan Smith

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.



Today is Pledge Dedication Sunday. We hope you have prayerfully considered how you will pledge to be a part of Oak Hill in 2019. You may place your card in the offering plate or send it to the office. Extra cards may be found in the back of sanctuary.

The sympathy and support of the congregation is extended to the family of Larry Link who passed away on November 3. A Celebration of Life will be at Concordia Turners, 6432 Gravois Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63116 on Saturday, November 24, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

This weekend AMEN St. Louis welcomes visitors from Michigan attending the National Youth Workers Convention. Next Saturday, the 24th, we will welcome the high school youth group from Main Street United Methodist in Alton, Illinois, for a one-day service retreat. Please keep our guests in your prayers!

OAK HILL NEWS DEADLINE – Articles for the December issue of the Oak Hill News are due, in writing, by Monday, November 19, 2018.

Winter Outreach Volunteers Needed!

On Wednesday night, Oak Hill hosted 7 unhoused neighbors in our emergency winter shelter, in coordination with St. Louis Winter Outreach and our friends from Isaiah 58 Ministries and Compton Heights Christian Church. We are ALWAYS looking for more volunteers to help with our emergency sheltering. We welcome volunteers who can stay overnight, volunteers who can just come for two to four hours, and volunteers who can come in the morning to make breakfast, give rides, and help clean up. If you are interested and available, please see Dena Roper. Oak Hill is on call to provide emergency sheltering on Wednesday nights when the temperature dips below 20 degrees, or below 25 with precipitation.

The book club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, at the Barrow residence to watch the movie, *“The Glass Castle.”* Please bring your dinner and join us! This is the third Tuesday of the month, not our usual second Tuesday.

The Freshman - Silent Film Musical Experience

Organist Andrew Peters provides live accompaniment to the silent film *The Freshman* on Sunday, November 18, at 4:00 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church. This 76-minute comedy film from 1925 stars Harold Lloyd. The church is located at 4501 Westminster Place in the Central West End, St. Louis, 63108. The movie is part of the Couets Music Series and is free to the community. For more information call 314-367-0367 or www.secondchurch.net.

The Presbyterian Giving Catalog

As the gift giving season is upon us, many look for alternative gift giving opportunities. Do you know about the Presbyterian Giving Catalog? Go to www.presbyteriangifts.org and explore a wide variety of gifts that provide real and positive impact around the world—including aid for refugees, access to clean water and helping to end hunger. You can buy a garden well, a family of chickens, a fishing boat and accessories, or agricultural lessons for youth, which are given to individuals and communities in need all over the world. Here in the US, you can sponsor a scholarship for gun violence trauma healing experiences, for disaster relief, for urban farming funds, for racial/ethnic academic scholarship funds. You can view and purchase online at www.presbyteriangifts.org or pick up a paper catalog on the table in the back of the sanctuary.