

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**November 25, 2018**

**Reign of Christ**

**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**

*King of All the Earth*

Genevan Psalter

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Inspired by Psalm 93 and John 18:37*

One: O Lord, forever more...

**Many: We gather in your name, we sing your praises!**

One: O Lord, forever more...

**Many: We offer to you our prayers, our cries, our dancing.**

One: O Lord, forever more...

**Many: We celebrate your life, your story, your love.**

One: O Lord, forever more...

**Many: We put our hope in your guidance, your leadership, your call.**

One: O Lord, forever more...

**Many: We belong to your truth, we listen for your voice.**

One: O Lord, forever more...

**Many: O Lord, forever more...**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

No. 275

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Adapted from "Touch of Holiness"*

**Unison: O mighty God, our hearts are troubled and our minds are in confusion. We have separated ourselves from your peace by attempting to shape our own path in the forest of life. But we have found that path to be lonely. We have stumbled and fallen and with humility we cry to you. Hear us, once again. Forgive us for relying only on ourselves and not on you and one another. By your grace, guide us. Remind us how to journey on your true path, where the way is good and the friendship is warm. O mighty God, we rejoice in your mercy and love. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may stay in worship or go to the nursery.)

**ANTHEM**

*If My People Will Pray*

Owens

Sandy Kay, soloist

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 93

(see insert)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 18:33-37

(see insert)

**SERMON**

The Rev. Meredith Jackson

**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**

*Be Thou My Vision*

No. 450

**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 worshiping with you. )*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory**                      *My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness*                      Townend

**\*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**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

No. 268

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Let the Earth Proclaim His Glory*

Burgess

*Oak Hill Presbyterian Church*



**Sunday, November 25, 2018**

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**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 93

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;  
<sup>2</sup> your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.  
<sup>3</sup>The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.  
<sup>4</sup>More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves<sup>[a]</sup> of the sea,  
majestic on high is the LORD!  
<sup>5</sup>Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, forevermore.

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



**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;  
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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.

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| <b>ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK</b><br>November 25, 2018 |
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| 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   |
| Wednesday | 1100 a.m.         | Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room                   |
|           | 6:30 p.m.         | Mission Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room     |
|           | 7:30 p.m.         | Stewardship and Property Committee Meeting in the Theleos Room |
| Sunday    | Following Worship | Fellowship Luncheon in the Large Assembly Room                 |

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](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org).

Today's Liturgist is **Donna Cook**. Greeters are **Dena Roper and Don Stanford**. Ushers are **Toby Eckert, Karl Kelley, Mary LaTragna, and Heather Macarthur**. Nursery Caregivers are **Bertie and Scott Stanford**. 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.

Karen and Bill Reeves  
Richard Wiethop  
Christine and Will Woodward

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.

#### **Welcome Pastor Meredith!**

We are thrilled that the Rev. Meredith Jackson is joining us for worship and offering the sermon this morning. Pastor Meredith currently serves as the Hunger Programs Director at Isaiah 58 Ministries and is a member of Compton Heights Christian Church. She's also been a regular at our collaborative shelter nights with Winter Outreach, often leading the breakfast crew! Pastor Meredith is a graduate of University of California-Davis and Pacific School of Religion and is ordained in the United Church of Christ.

#### **The Mission Committee is hosting the fellowship luncheon on Sunday, December 2!**

Brian Beckmann is going to make chili, so if folks want to bring appropriate toppings/sides or dessert, that would be wonderful.

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT FOR 2019** - Members are encouraged to help offset our Per Capita Apportionment for 2019. This is the money each church pays, per member, to support our regional and denominational ministries at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels. A voluntary contribution of \$31.00 from each member will help balance the budget for 2019. If possible, payments should be made before the end of the year and identified "For Per Capita Apportionment." Envelopes designated "Per Capita 2019" can be found in the back of the sanctuary. They may be placed in the offering plate or mailed directly to the office. Thank you for your generous support of the work of the church at all levels!

#### **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Responding to California Wildfires**

"PDA is working with Santa Barbara Presbytery, Sacramento Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Pacific to respond to the recent wildfires in California. PDA has deployed National Response Team members to the Presbytery of the Pacific to be embedded into the American Red Cross shelters in Pacific Palisades and San Fernando Valley, at the ARC's request, as Disaster Spiritual Care Providers. Grants will be disbursed as we receive requests from the presbyteries." – From pcusa.org.

Oak Hill supports the ministry of PDA through the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering at Easter each year. In addition, if you'd like to support this response directly, please go to [www.pda.pcusa.org](http://www.pda.pcusa.org) to make a donation online.

#### **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](http://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](http://www.presbyteriangifts.org) or pick up a paper catalog on the table in the back of the sanctuary.