

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 27, 2019

3rd 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

Voluntary in C

Boyce

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens tell the glory of God.

Many: The days with their speech,

One: The night with its quiet,

Many: All nature and creation tells the story of our Lord.

One: All the world sings with God's care.

Many: All the world bursts forth with God's wonder.

One: So, too, let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,

Many O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

One: Come, friends, let us worship our Lord.

*OPENING HYMN

God Is Here!

No. 409

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of wisdom, God of knowledge, we confess that we haven't always sought your guidance. There are times when we think we know, when we are sure we understand. But Lord, we are often so slow to listen. We fail to hear your still, soft voice. We fail to hear the cries of peoples long oppressed. We fail to listen to our own neighbors and friends. We fail to listen to the Word you put before us. God, open our ears, our hearts, our minds, and our spirits. Help us to ask deeper questions, and to be open to the many ways you show us answers. Help us to keep faith in you and your wisdom, always. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that will pardon and cleanse within.

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that is greater than all our sin.” (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

All Creatures of our God and King

Perry

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-10

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

(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; 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 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* No. 757

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 *Trust in the Lord* Larson

***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.*

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER (see insert)

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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION Dena Roper

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 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* No. 280

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *I Will Sing Unto the Lord* Parish

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church



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SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Litany of Ordination and Installation

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: But is always God's way shining bright!

Leader: Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

People: Serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

Presentation of Elder: Mme. Moderator, on behalf of the congregation, I present LeAnne Smith to be ordained and installed as an elder.

The Rite of Ordination and Installation

The Congregational Affirmation

Elder: Do we, members of Oak Hill, accept LeAnne as an elder of this church, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Response: We do!

Elder: Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

Response: We do!

The Prayer of Ordination and The Laying On Of Hands

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

January 27, 2019

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
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	7:30 p.m.	Touchy Topics Book Club Make-Up Date, meeting at Hartford Coffee

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 a potluck lunch. All are welcome.

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 **Sheryl Ream**. Greeters are **Dena Roper and Rich Wiethop**. Ushers are **Joe Bradshaw, Brent Crittenden, Sarah Gibson, and Lisa Thompson**. Nursery Caregivers are **Kim and Josh Smith**. The **Evangelism and Membership Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in January.

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.

Janet and Clarence Jaggie
Carolyn and Charlie Moody
Mel Soles

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.



There will be a **Congregational Meeting** after worship today to receive annual reports from the session and church organizations, including financial reports, and to receive the approved budget for 2019. Everyone is encouraged to attend. **Donuts will be served.**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON – Please join the Evangelism and Membership Committee as they host the fellowship potluck luncheon on Sunday, February 3. It is true potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share. Everyone is welcome.

MISSION TRIP

We're going to Baltimore! The 2019 Mission Trip will be June 22-29. This is an all-ages trip to learn and serve together at The Center, a ministry of the Presbytery of Baltimore and the next host of the PCUSA's Hands and Feet Initiative. If you are interested in going on this trip, there's still room for you! We'd love to have you join us. The total cost of the trip is \$450 per person (plus travel expenses). There is a \$150 non-refundable deposit due per person at the time of registration. If finances are a concern, though, please don't let that stop you, just let Pastor Erin know. Please let Dena Roper know if you are considering going on the trip or learning more details. And get ready to come and serve with us!

Touchy Topics book club had to be rescheduled this month and will meet on Wednesday, Jan 30th, so there is still time to pick up a copy of James Cone's *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* and join us in discussion. See you on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Hartford Coffee Co.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers from Oak Hill, Compton Heights Christian Church, Isaiah 58 Ministries, and STL Winter Outreach who worked together to provide a warm space for 13 guests to stay here at church on Wednesday night. Remember, we are on call all winter for emergency sheltering on Wednesday nights when the temperature drops below 20 degrees, or below 25 with precipitation. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Dena Roper.

Isaiah 58 Ministries Volunteer Opportunities

Isaiah 58 Ministries serves 600-800 clients per month through our food pantry, fresh food distribution, thrift store and special activities. We have been serving the neighborhood for nearly 50 years as an ecumenical organization, and are open five days a week. Below are some of our current (1/16/19) volunteer openings.

- 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday of the month: Intake - check in clients, identify needs, offer assistance, refer when necessary.
- 1st week of the month, Mon, Tues, or Wed, 11am: Chesterfield driver (1-2 people) - Pick up the truck at Isaiah, drive to two Chesterfield pickup locations, and return items to Isaiah 58 Ministries. This would be a great task for two people to do together.
- Thursdays, weekly, between 8-9am: Schnucks Pick Up (1-2 people): Go to Schnucks S City (3430 S Grand Blvd) and pick up a donation of bakery and bread items. Transport items (using your personal vehicle) 1 mile to Isaiah and help unload.
- Mondays and Fridays, 9-11:30am: Fresh Food Distribution - Assist with fresh food distribution including unloading and sorting food, communicating with clients and helping visitors choose food from available selection.

Please contact Rev. Meredith Jackson at 314-776-1410 or meredith@i58ministries.org to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-10

8All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD;

People: thanks be to God!