

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 24, 2019

7<sup>th</sup> 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

*I Will Exalt My God, My King*

Cardenas

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, we are out here in the deep.

Many: **We have come seeking you.**

One: In the deep, in the confusion, in the chaos, where it can all be hard to understand,

Many: **We look to you, Lord.**

One: Find us, here, and teach us.

Many: **Find us, here, and show us.**

One: In the waters, in the city,

Many: **In our confusion, in our wondering,**

One: Find us, here, and help.

Many: **Find us, here, and surprise us.**

One: Find us, here, and invite us to follow you.

Many: **Lord, we have come to worship!**

One: Come, let us worship our Lord.

\*OPENING HYMN

*I Danced in the Morning*

No. 157

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: God of Wonder, hear our prayer. We seek your brilliance, your guidance, and your mystery. But we confess we are hard of heart, we are stubborn, we are fickle. We choose when and where we need you. We choose how and how often we might follow you. We choose if we will believe and if we will commit. Too often, we have leaned on our own choosing. But you, O Lord, always choose us. You always choose grace. You always choose love. Forgive us our sin.**

**And with your mercy, renew our spirits, through Christ our Lord, AMEN.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

“God is so good. God is so good.

God is so good; God is so good to me.” (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

*Rockin' the Boat*

Schafferman

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11

(see insert)

SERMON

The Rev. Miriam Foltz

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**

*You Walk along Our Shoreline*

No. 170

**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 Calls Us*

Livingston

**\*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**

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

No. 691

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*We will Walk With God*

Swaziland Melody

## *Oak Hill Presbyterian Church*



**Sunday, February 24, 2019**

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## AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

**GUNS IN MY BACKYARD? Neighbors Share Their Stories.** A discussion hosted by Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, 45 West Lockwood, 63119, on Sunday, March 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. You are invited for a viewing of the locally-produced documentary: “No More Thoughts and Prayers,” introduced by filmmaker Angela Lamb. This will be followed by individuals from our community sharing their experiences with gun violence and ideas for action. Come learn how gun violence affects all of us and how you can help make a difference in this public health issue. Childcare provided for children 3 and younger.

**UKirk’s Open House & Dessert Auction** – You are invited to join them for dinner, worship, a fundraiser silent auction (homemade desserts!), and connection with their collegiate faith community! Sunday, March 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO. RSVP to [ukirk\\_stl@glpby.org](mailto:ukirk_stl@glpby.org) by March 2.

**Lenten Prayer Retreat: Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 9 am – 12 pm @ Ladue Chapel**  
You are invited to rest in God’s presence and allow yourself to receive the pure gift of God. This morning of prayer includes an opportunity to pray with words (lectio divina), music (audio divina), and art (visio divina). Join Dieter Heinzl and Anne Peacock as we nurture contemplative practices to enhance life’s journey. The labyrinth will also be available to walk in Fellowship Hall before and after the retreat. Friends welcome. RSVP to Anne Peacock: [apecock@laduechapel.org](mailto:apecock@laduechapel.org) or 314-993-4771 x3122

## IN THE COMMUNITY

**March 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day.** Start your research now, so you’re ready to vote next week.

**Did you know that the St. Louis Public Library offers 70 FREE week-long Summer Camps for kids and teens.** Space is limited and registration is required.

Registration starts March 4, online or by picking up an application at any SLPL location. Limit two camps per child. Questions? More info is available online at [www.slpl.org](http://www.slpl.org) or you can Call 314-880-8169 or email [youthcamps@slpl.org](mailto:youthcamps@slpl.org).

**OH, AND THEY ALSO HAVE SPRING BREAK CAMPS. Check it out!**

## 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

February 24, 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	Time of Fellowship (and snacks)
Monday	7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Prayer Pause
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	5:30 p.m.	Mission Committee in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	7:30 p.m.	Stewardship and Property Committee in the Theleos Room
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Thursday Bible Study Class in the Theleos 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 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](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org).

Today's preacher is the **Rev. Miriam Foltz**. Today's Liturgist is **Don Stanford**. Greeters are **Jeff Dahl and Anne Stoltz**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Karl Kelley, Valery Welch, and Rich Wiethop**. Nursery Caregivers are **Sheryl Ream and Jan Stanford**. **The Worship and Christian Education Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in February.

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.

Joe Bradshaw  
Christine and Kim Marx  
Jan and Don Stanford

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.

**We are glad to welcome to worship with us today the Rev. Miriam Foltz**, pastor of UKirk St. Louis, a ministry to college students in the St. Louis area. Oak Hill is a proud to support UKirk St. Louis with a financial donation each year, and in sharing time and food with students during their regular worship on Sunday nights. Pastor Miriam will be preaching during worship this morning, and then will be available during the fellowship hour to tell you more about UKirk's ministry and to offer ways for you to get involved.

#### **Inquirers Lunch Today**

If you are interested in exploring membership here at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, please join us for lunch after worship today in the Theleos Room. Pastor Erin will join us for a conversation about what it means to be Presbyterian and what it is to be a member here at Oak Hill. Some current members will be available to give you their perspective. All are invited to come, chat, listen, and explore.

#### **Save the Date: SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to benefit Isaiah 58 Ministries will be held on Tuesday, March 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. here at Oak Hill! We hope to see you there!



The Stewardship and Property Committee will host the March fellowship luncheon to be held on March 17 instead of the first Sunday in March. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day they will be serving corned beef and cabbage (a kids' meal will also be provided). You don't have to bring anything, just come and enjoy. A free will offering will be received to help defray expenses.

#### **The Oak Hill Scholarship Fund April 1 Deadline**

Attention Current and Soon-to-Be College Students: Application forms for the Oak Hill Scholarship Fund will be available from the church office beginning on March 1 and are due back, completed by April 1. Full-time traditional students (e.g., High School Seniors intending to go to college full-time) should apply by April 1 for assistance for the full year. Part-time or non-traditional students should use this deadline for either the Summer or Fall semester. If you have any questions about the fund, please contact Deb Wiethop at 314-852-8629.

#### **THE FLOWER CHART**

Is there a special occasion you would like to celebrate with flowers in the sanctuary on a Sunday morning? All are welcome to honor a memory or celebrate an occasion such as a birthday or anniversary by signing up for flowers. There is a chart located on the wall outside of the church office. Pick a Sunday, sign your name and our florist will put together two matching arrangements to be placed on either side of the communion table on that Sunday morning that you may take home after worship. (Or you may bring appropriate flower arrangements yourself if you notify the office in advance so that flowers won't be ordered.)

The cost for this service is \$45. Checks can be made payable to Oak Hill Presbyterian and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office. Please note that the check is for flowers.

#### **Homemade Lenten Devotionals**

We're making our very own Oak Hill Lenten Devotional this year, and it is not too late for you to participate in the fun! Pastor Erin has one or two days saved for anyone who wants to reflect and share. And if you already have a prompt, but haven't sent it in, she totally accepts late work for full credit! Contact Pastor Erin THIS WEEK!

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

*People: thanks be to God!*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 5:1-11

<sup>5</sup>Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup>he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup>Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup>When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup>When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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*People: thanks be to God!*