

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 1, 2020

1st Sunday in Lent

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

O Healing Light of Christ

Landry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The God of the Universe finds us in these seasons of life.

Many: The God of our hearts journeys with us through the seasons of life.

One: In times of abundance and in times of scarcity,

Many: In days of sorrow and moments of great joy,

One: As we are tempted and as we are tested,

Many: As we wander and as we are faithful,

One: The God who created us, finds us in every season.

Many: The God who loves us, holds us through every season.

One: Come, let us worship our God.

*OPENING HYMN

Within Your Shelter, Loving God

No. 168

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Unison: God of Grace, we confess that we have wandered and we have been tempted. We have strayed from your way and we have given in to the trappings of this world. Through what we have done and through what we have left undone, we have been unfaithful. By your mercy, forgive us. Find us in these wildernesses of our own creation, and guide us back toward you, and your love, and your grace, and your community. Through Christ we pray, 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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 32

(see insert)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

(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 *The Glory of These Forty Days* No. 165

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 *Savior of Fallen Hearts* Schaefferman
*** Doxology** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* No. 582

ANTHEM *Bread of Life* Fisher
Donna Cook, soloist

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (see insert)

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 *It Is Well with My Soul* No. 840

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *In Heavenly Love Abiding* Anonymous

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Leader continues...)

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

No. 556 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is The One who comes in the Lord's name.

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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

All who seek Jesus are welcome at the table he has prepared. There is no denominational or membership requirement to receive God's gift of life. At Oak Hill, we pass plates of bread to one another saying, "This is the body of Christ, broken for you." You are invited to partake of the bread when you receive it. There is a gluten-free option on each plate. Then we pass the cups to one another saying, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you." We wait until everyone has been served, then we all partake of the cup together.

Communion Meditation

John Holt, piano

Brian Beckmann and Paul Bordeaux, guitar

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Unison: Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table, where all are welcome. By this meal, fill us, and send us, so that we might be a source of your love and hope for all who wander and for all who are searching for good news. AMEN.

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church

Rev. Erin Counihan, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Alan Meyers, Parish Associate

Rev. Jillian Embrey, Parish Associate

Ms. Susan Brown, Minister of Music

Ms. Annie Girresch, Director, AMEN St. Louis

Ms. Lisa Schoonover, Student Pastor

Ms. Carole Adams, Secretary

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 noon in writing.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

March 1, 2020

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
Tuesday	9:45 – 11:45 a.m.	MOMS Club of St. Louis in the Nursery
	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Foosball & Snacks @ the S.L.S. Building, 3227 Morgan Ford
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism and Membership Committee Meeting in the Faith and Fellowship Room
	7:30 p.m.	Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group at Hartford Coffee
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Circle 3 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 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 **Kim Marx**. Greeters are **Lucie and Millie Crittenden**. Communion Servers are **Donna Cook, Brian Heuckroth, Mary LaTragna, and Will Woodward**. Ushers are **Wendy Barrow, Donna Cook, Brent Crittenden, and Heather Macarthur**. There is no nursery today. The **Stewardship and Property Committee** is hosting the time of fellowship in March.

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.

Toby, Victor, Paige, and Victor IV Eckert
Marie and Brian Heuckroth
Joe Suda

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.

The Stewardship and Property Committee will host the March fellowship luncheon to be held on March 22 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.

Youth Outreach Nights, join us for our **First Tuesday Neighborhood Foosball Nights at Great American Human Foosball** at Morgan Ford and Humphrey on March 3, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Adult participants are welcome. Bring a snack to share and join us in some giant games and fun with the neighbors.

The Touchy Topics Book and Discussion Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, at Hartford Coffee Company, when we will discuss Lenny Duncan's *"Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US."* All are welcome to join!

Circle 3 will meet on Thursday, March 5, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. or whenever you can make it. Please bring a sandwich - salad, chips and dessert will be provided. The coffee pot is always on.

AMEN HOUSE

Visitors this Week

This week, AMEN House is hosting students from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts! They are here for an Alternative Spring Break. They will be volunteering at Head Start centers and diving deep into understanding movements for justice in St. Louis. If you see our friends from Holy Cross this week, make sure to give them a warm welcome!

Micah 6:8 Camp

Micah 6:8 Camp will take place this year from July 6 - July 10. Mark your calendars and spread the word to all of the 5th-8th graders you know!

Director Transition

Our AMEN Director Annie Girresch has given notice that she will be leaving the position to pursue the next steps in her ministry. We're sad to see her go but happy for her to pursue new opportunities in chaplaincy. Over the next few weeks we are interviewing candidates to fill the Director position - you can see the job description posted on the AMEN website at the following link: <http://amenstlouis.org/position-announcement-director>.

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy has rescheduled its "Our Roots" tour for Monday, April 27. It was cancelled last November due to inclement weather.

The tour will start at 8:30 a.m. at Faith and Des Peres Presbyterian Church, 11155 Clayton Road, Frontenac, and will return to that location about 4 p.m.

Tour cost is \$59 per person. Lunch will be on your own at Lindenwood University.

Reservations can be made with Jan Stanford, 314-638-0195. Checks are payable to: Presbytery History Team.

If you had been scheduled for last November's cancelled tour, a place is guaranteed for you on this tour.



Don't forget to set your clocks forward next Sunday.

**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 March 1. In order to be considered, completed applications should be received by the church office no later than 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.

LENT AT OAK HILL

Online Lenten Devotional: We are sharing 1-minute reflections and questions each day on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Come and journey with us, watch the video, and share your own thoughts, wonderings, photos, or questions.

Wednesday Bible Study Class: The Wednesday Bible Study Class is going to be taking a break from our ongoing study on Church History (with *The Story of Christianity* by Justo Gonzalez), to spend a few weeks with Mary Oliver. We are off this week, because Pastor Erin is out of town at a conference. But beginning March 11th, we'll dive into Mary Oliver's poetry, and pair it with some readings from scripture, and then discuss each week. It will be a new class every week, with materials provided as we go. All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Faith and Fellowship room.

Adult Sunday School Class: Sing (or read!) your way through this Lenten season with "Will You Come and Follow Me? An Adult Lenten Study on Hymns." Written by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle and Beverly Howard, this six-session class takes a look at the text of various Lenten hymns. Each session will challenge participants to work through the meaning of the text and learn more about the hymn writers. We will also discover how the text relates to us today. Join us for one session or join us for all!

WORSHIP NOTES: The Communion Liturgy today is adapted from liturgies provided in the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*, 2018.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32

- ¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
 - ²Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
 - ³While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
 - ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
 - ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah
 - ⁶Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
 - ⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.
 - ⁸I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
 - ⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.
 - ¹⁰Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.
 - ¹¹Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.
- Leader: This is the Word of the LORD; People: thanks be to God!*



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

- ⁴Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.
- ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."
- ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
- ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"
- ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
- ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor;
- ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."
- ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"
- ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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