

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday

10:30 a.m.

**\*Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

**Gathering Music**

Brian, John, and Paul

**Welcome**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prelude**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Susan Brown

**\*Call to Worship**

Josh Smith

Leader: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

**People: To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.**

Leader: We have come to remember God's benefits to us the living.

**People: To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

Leader: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures.

**People: To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

No. 275

**\*Prayer for the Day (unison)**

Josh Smith

**Reforming God, you offer us the grace of beginning each day anew with a heart, soul, mind, and spirit freshly born into the universe. Help us to stop dragging the burdens of past mistakes and glories behind us, so that we may be free to become more faithful sisters and brothers in Christ. Grant us the grace to be a reformed people not once only but day after day until your peace is accomplished here on earth as it is in the eternal place. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Oak Hill Community

**Loving God, we come before you confessing what we are and what we are not. Our pride mixes with our humility. We acknowledge that we have not lived according to your will. We have set ourselves apart from others by emphasizing our differences. We have counted the worth of our lives measuring ourselves against the failings of others. We seek your forgiveness for all the ways that we have tried to build ourselves by tearing others down. Embolden us to claim your promise that in your eyes, we are all your people of infinite worth and value. Help us to see one another as you see each of us. Have mercy on us, forgive us. Strengthen us and empower us that we may live with joy and confidence in the assurance of your infinite love and mercy. Amen**

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Peace**

Oak Hill Community

**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Special Music**

*O For a World*

Oak Hill Singers

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 32:1-7

Josh Smith

**Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Sermon**

*Reformed and Always Reforming*

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Meditation**

*Let It Be Said of Us*

Susan Brown

**\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

Oak Hill Community

**We know that God is in the world--was and is and will be. God made it all, and continues to reform and renew and remake and resurrect. We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves. We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit. We are filled with God's joy and pledged to discipleship and love. We trust in God. We celebrate God. We work together for justice and peace through God. We are never alone. We are free in the chosen bonds of the ways of the Christ. Thanks be to God!**

**Offering**

*You can make an offering online at [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org), Oak Hill Community place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary or mail your check to the church.*

**\*Response**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.**

**Prayers of the People**

Oak Hill Community

**The Lord's Prayer**

Oak Hill Community

**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.**

**Announcements**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

No. 839

**Benediction**

Rev, Wanda Lawry

**Postlude**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Susan Brown

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**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 32:1-7

Josh Smith

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup>Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

<sup>3</sup>While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then 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.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## Second Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Rev. Wanda Lawry

19He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” 6So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” 8Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” 9Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God!*

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## Congregational Meeting



A Congregational Meeting will be held following worship next Sunday, November 6, to present the 2023 Asking Budget, and to receive a 2022 Nominating Committee Report, nominating for election the following persons to fill positions of leadership in the church:

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Class of</u>
Jeff Dahl	2025 (3-year term)
Matt Hanify	2025 (3-year term)
Lisa Thompson	2025 (3-year term)
Millie Crittenden (1 year)	2025 (3-year term)
Don Stanford	2023 (1-year term)

In addition, the following are nominated to serve in the following positions:

2023 Nominating Committee  
Congregational Members-at-Large

Sandy Kay  
Josh Smith  
Anne Stoltz

2023 Personnel Committee

Deb Wiethop

Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any eligible voter. Any person nominated shall have given advance consent to be nominated.

**Reminder – Daylight saving time ends on November 6.**

*Our Prayer for Peace is adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Laurie Ann Krause.*

*Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org).*

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852.  
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt. EINE FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion,  
 rap-ture now burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing,  
 Sav-ior an-hap-py and blest, watch-ing and wait-ing,

pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

### Refrain

This is my sto-ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto-ry; this is my

song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.