

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 6, 2022

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

Come, Come Ye Saints

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Dena Roper

Leader: We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints.

People: **Some of them are living, others have completed their physical lives here on earth.**

Leader: Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society.

People: **But all have shaken our being—all have been examples of lives of wholeness, working for justice.**

All: **We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God's creation!**

***Opening Hymn**

For All the Saints

No. 326

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

Dena Roper

God, for all the saints we give you thanks—for grandparents, and godparents, for doctors and teachers, for coaches and pastors. God, for all the saints we give you thanks—for authors of books that have moved us, for friends whose advice has guided us, for strangers who provided an example, for our children and the children of others who have given us courage. God, for all the saints we give you thanks—for those nearest and farthest away, for those who have died, and those who are living, for those who knew they made a difference and those who never will. God, for all the saints, we give you thanks. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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Almighty God, we confess to you that our lives have not always been lived at their highest level. Sometimes we have gladly shared the Good News, but at other times we have hidden our light under a bushel. Sometimes we have been ready with forgiveness, but at other times we have harbored resentment. Sometimes we have been open and fair, but at other times we have been arbitrary and selfish. For our greediness and grouchiness, our petulance and pettiness—for our love of comfort in the face of need, and our unwillingness to take risks for the sake of love, justice and freedom—we ask your forgiveness. Deliver us from our unlovely habits and from all that masks our better selves. Guide us into lives filled with the kind of love which stoops to heal the unlovely and rises to embrace the ungrateful. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Peace

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Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 145

Dena Roper

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-17; 3:14-21

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Rooted and Grounded in Love

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Jesus Calls Us

Susan Brown

Moment for Mission

Rev. Thirza Sayers

Offering

You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org,

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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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Oak Hill is enriched, affirmed, and extended as we welcome new members into fellowship. We celebrate the gifts of new life and the rich diversity we share as a church.

Elder: Pastor Wanda, the following persons have been received into membership of this congregation by action of the Session:

Letter of Transfer: Bette York Welch

Profession of Faith: William Thomas Jones

Covenant Questions

Prayer

Special Anthem

Bread, Blessed and Broken

Sandy Kay, soloist

The Lord's Supper

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Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The pastors will continue in prayer....)

Prayers of the People

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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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Prayer After Communion

As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy, and selfish ambition. Unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcements

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Closing Hymn**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

No. 730

Benediction

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude

Reign in Me

Susan Brown



First Scripture Reading

- ¹I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
²Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.
³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
⁴One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.
⁵On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
⁶The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.
⁷They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.
¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
¹⁹He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-17; 3:14-21

- ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,
¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church

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Congregational Meeting



A Congregational Meeting will be held in the Large Assembly Room following worship today 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.

The Pray of Confession was written by William F. Kiesel, September 30, 1952.

Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.

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For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their la-bors rest, who
 2 Thou blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine!
 3 O blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through

thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight;
 We fee-bly strug-gle; they in glo-ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis-tant tri-umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
 thou, in the dark-ness dear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are strong,
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
 10.10 with alleluias

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine!

We fee-bly strug-gle; they in glo-ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

to stanza 4

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past; there are hun - dreds of



brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

TEXT: Lesbia Scott, 1929, alt.
 MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, 1940
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GRAND ISLE
 Irregular