

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

10:30 a.m.

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

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Deb Wiethop

Leader: We have come to affirm our historic faith.

People: To worship God, who is steadfast and always abounding in love.

Leader: We have come to remember God's work in the past, present, and future.

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

Leader: We have come to affirm our hope and 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)**

Deb Wiethop

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

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

Gracious God,

We come before you to confess our sins. When we have acted out of fear, when we have acted out of anger, when we have acted out of selfishness, we have sinned. When our thoughts have been small-minded, when our thoughts have been unruly, when our thoughts have been bitter, we have sinned. When our words have been unfeeling, when our words have been thoughtless, when our words have been admissible, but empty, we have sinned. When we have wasted your gifts and possibilities, when we have not lived out of love, we have sinned. But you are the source of love and life, and we ask your forgiveness and your re-forming of our very selves, for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

No. 37

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Special Music

By My Side

Brian Heuckroth

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 46

Deb Wiethop

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 and 2:8

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Reformed and Always Reforming

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Amazing Love

Susan Brown

Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 and 2:8

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, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Congregational Meeting



A Congregational Meeting will be held following worship next Sunday, November 5, to present the 2024 Asking Budget, and to receive a 2023 Nominating Committee Report, nominating for election the following persons to fill positions of leadership in the church:

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Class of</u>
Toby Eckert	2026 (3-year term)
Josh Smith	2026 (3-year term)
Sarah Gibson	2026 (3-year term)
Sandy Kay	2026 (3-year term)
	2025 (2-year term)

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

2024 Nominating Committee
Congregational Members-at-Large

2024 Personnel Committee

Sheryl Ream

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 5.

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