



Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints Sunday – Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 4, 2018 10:00 a.m.

Please SILENCE ALL Personal Electronic Devices Before Worship.

We Gather as God's People

Welcome to our worship service. Take a moment to quiet yourself as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church! In this space, we invite you to bring all of who you are - your identity, your beliefs, your doubts, your story. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence. We invite you to sign the pew pads, which will be passed from the back of the sanctuary to the front. Please fill out the information, share with the others in your row, and then pass it to the row in front of you. Thank you. After worship, please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Prelude

Announcements of Our Church Life and Ministry

The Centering Song SF # 2164 (sing 3 times; the last time, a cappella) "Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Worship [Responsive] Elder Judy Pearson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: See how God loves us!

People: God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

Leader: See how Christ loves us!

People: Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

Leader: See how the Spirit loves us!

People: The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.

Leader: In life and in death, we belong to God who we worship, praise and serve!

***Opening Hymn** PH # 364 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

***The Prayer of the Day** [Responsive]

Leader: Let us pray... Faithful God, source of every blessing:

People: teach us to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us,

Leader: to pray for those who persecute us, to turn the other cheek,

People: to share our possessions, to give to those who are in need,

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: and to do to others as we would have them do to us,
People: so that we may join that company of blessed saints who feast with you in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Two+** (*A new way to share the peace of Christ and greet one another.*)
“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20
Question: Who are you remembering on this All Saints’ Sunday?

We Listen for God’s Word

The Children’s Message Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Blessing: You are God’s beloved child. With you God is well pleased.

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive] Elder Judy Pearson

Leader: Let us pray... O God, you alone are our Judge. Send your Spirit of truth to expose
our self-deception and challenge our complacency

People: so that we may surrender to your mercy and follow your will through Jesus Christ
our Liberator. Amen.

Building a Bridge from the Story of King Solomon to the Prophet Elisha

The Scripture 2 Kings 5:1-17 Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

Sermon Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

We Respond to God’s Love

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music

***Offertory Response** *Sing the Faith* # 2036 “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.
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And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say,
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”

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“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!

***Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [In Unison] Elder Judy Pearson

We pray, Holy God, that you will multiply the gifts we offer that they might become the
greatest good for all people. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

The Service of Remembrance and Communion

The Lighting of the Remembrance Candles Revelation 21:1-5

Leader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See I am making all things new.”

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Leader: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the lamb!

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Leader: This first candle we light this morning is to remember those whom we have loved and lost from our congregation this past year – (please stand as you are able for the reading of the necrology)

**Jim Fergusson
Rosemary Mandli
David Stockwell**

**Egil Kristiansen
Dorothy Rollins
Nancy Van Valkenberg**

**Paul Mandli
Donald Rumpf
Jim Willmore**

Leader: We also lift up the names of loved ones and friends whom we have loved and lost in the larger church community. (You are invited to speak out loud the name(s) of those whom you wish to share with the congregation.) We pause to remember their name, their face, their voice, and the memory that binds them to us in this season of remembrance.

***People:* May God’s eternal love surround them.**

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Leader: This second candle we light is to redeem the pain of loss, the loss of relationships, the loss of jobs, the loss of health. We pause to gather up the pain of the past and offer it to God, asking that from God’s hands we receive the gift of peace.

***People:* Refresh, restore, renew us O God, and lead us into your future.**

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Leader: This third candle we light is to remember ourselves during this time. We pause and remember these past weeks and months, the disbelief, the anger, the down times, the poignancy of reminiscing, the hugs and handshakes of family and friends, all those who stood with us. We give thanks for all the support we have known.

***People:* Let us remember that dawn defeats darkness.**

* Please stand as you are able.

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Leader: This fourth candle is lit to remember our faith and the gift of hope, which the Faith story offers to us. We remember that God shares our life and promises us a place and time of no more pain or suffering.

People: **Let us remember the One who shows the way, who brings the truth and who bears the light.**

Leader: Friends, as we remember our loved ones with the lighting of these candles, knowing that our table has an empty place where once a loved one used to sit. We now gather at Christ's table knowing that there is a place of welcome for all the people of God both living and living in the eternal presence of God. We join in the witness of this, the joyful feast of the people of God, offering our Prayer of Thanksgiving. Let us pray... God, you are before all things; You are beyond all things; And in the midst of all things and all peoples you have made yourself known. In Jesus of Nazareth, in compassion for the outcast, forgiveness for the fallen, hope for the poor and hungry; in his life poured out for others and broken in rejection and disdain you have made yourself known. Therefore we join our praises with countless men and women before us, disciples and apostles, saints and martyrs, acclaiming your power in goodness and your might in compassion, as we say:

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: We greet the one who comes in your name, your true light, your true love, the bread of compassion, the cup of renewal. As he broke bread before the brokenness of his death, as he poured out wine before his blood was poured out on the cross, as he gave his life in acts of goodness, as he invited all to the feast of new hope, so come to us, God of Jesus, in your love. Come to us, Spirit of our Lord of love, and let the bread and wine before us bear your life to our life, nourish us with his vision of hope, and unite us in one body of peace.

People: **Nourish us with your brokenness, Renew us with your poured out life, Empower us with your powerlessness, that we may take root in your risen life and bear fruit in your world.**

Leader: O God of compassion, through the witness of a captive maidservant you healed Naaman in the waters of the Jordan. Through Jesus you healed the lepers.

People: **Nourish us. Heal us, Comfort us. Challenge us, so that we may follow Christ with joy. For you are our life, our hope, our peace, our source of love. And we praise you. Amen.**

Four Stations of Remembrance

1. Communion

2. Baptism Fount –pinch of salt, pinch of sugar added to water

3. Lighting Candle of Remembrance for a Loved One

4. Blessing for Healing and Wholeness

* Please stand as you are able.

The Prayer [In Unison]

Most merciful and compassionate God, as we have remembered our loved ones whose names and faces we still cherish, we ask that you give us the strength and compassion to help us to comfort all who grieve, heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 404..... "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

***The Sending** [Responsive]..... Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: Now let us go to show others how much God loves them!

People: **We will go to bring life into all the places where death seeks to swallow those around us.**

Leader: Now let us go to how our sisters and brothers how much Christ loves them!

People: **We will go to share in the loss and grief of everyone around us.**

Leader: Now let us go to show the world how much the Spirit loves them!

People: **We will offer words of hope to all filled with despair.**

Leader: Let us go in peace, comforted and strengthened in that the knowledge that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord

People: **Amen.**

***Song of Dismissal** *PH* # 432 "Canto de Esperanza"

**May the God of hope go with us every day, Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way, Bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace, Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new, Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude



The liturgy this morning is from: re-Worship blog site; Lectionary Liturgies by Rev. Thom Shuman; PCUSA worship resources; ~ adapted from the Book of Common Prayer, Bill Louder's communion prayer (re-Worship Blog), and Pastor Scott.

Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church is committed to using language in such a way that all members of the community of faith may recognize themselves to be included, addressed, and equally cherished before God. Seeking to bear witness to the whole world, the church struggles to use language which is faithful to the biblical truth and which neither purposefully nor inadvertently excludes people because of gender, color, or other circumstance in life. (Book of Order, W-1.2006)

Everyone is invited to stay for fellowship and refreshment following worship today.

- Our liturgist today is Elder Judy Pearson.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our usher/greeter today is Mark Touhey.
- **Nursery care is provided today by the Deacons.**

* Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- If you would like to be added to the mailing list for our newsletter, *The Good News*, please send either your email (preferred) or snail mail address to the church office. (Our addresses are listed on the last page of the bulletin.)
- **The Mission Committee reminds all folks to share their loose change in the Least Coin Crock, as a reminder of the prayers they say. Think of all the coins we would have if every time you prayed, you set aside a coin. These funds are to be used for local mission work. This is a year-long mission collection.**
- Help us save “pig points.” Please turn in your receipts from Piggly Wiggly in the brown bag in the narthex, so that we can receive a rebate. All funds received are used for mission projects.
- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

EVENTS —

- Sunday, November 11 – 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Bells of Peace
- 11:05 a.m. Session

HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER 4 AT 1 PM... Join Nitardy and Schneider-Michaelis for a Holiday Service of Remembrance. This celebration is for families who have lost a loved one and wish to honor them and will be presided over by Sarah Hoffman MS, LPC. Following the service, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments. This event is being held November 4th, 1:00 p.m., Nitardy Funeral Home, 1008 Madison Ave., Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. **Please RSVP to (920) 563-5898, or (920) 674-3960.**

Bells of Peace is a National Bell Tolling sponsored by the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission. It is in remembrance and honor of all those who served in the Great War. The United States participated from April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918. **It will take place on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. local time across the United States and its territories.** We will toll our bell slowly, 21 times with a five-second interval between tolls. The 21 tolls of the bell symbolize the nation's highest honor; it is based on the 21-gun salute.

Tolling of bells is the traditional way to mark someone's passing. On special national occasions, bells are tolled in honor of the fallen. November 11 is the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended hostilities in World War 1. In the war, 116,516 Americans died and over 200,000 were wounded.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Jenine Spack
- Usher/Greeter – The Letos
- Fellowship – Julie Anderson
- Nursery – Deacons

SERVICE OPPORTUNITYS – ON NOVEMBER 18 WE WILL HOST A MEAL AT PRES HOUSE. Each year, under the organization of Mike and Cheryl Stitz, OCPC members prepare and serve a meal to the UW- Madison students at our Presbyterian Campus Ministry Center. Pres House is located on the Library Mall. **There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall if you are able to donate food for the meal or attend and assist with the meal. We will be carpooling to Pres House and leaving the church at 3:00 p.m.**

MEALS ON WHEELS – Volunteers are needed for November 12-23. Contact Cheryl Stitz at 608-695-1838 if there are any questions about either of these mission opportunities.

BLUE JAY BACKPACK COLLECTION: There are 75 students currently receiving weekend food through the Blue Jay Backpack food program. **We are being asked EACH MONTH to collect 75 of each of the following items: microwaveable ravioli and/or spaghetti bowls/cups AND low sugar fruit cups and/or applesauce.** These should be non-refrigerated. You can also make a financial donation to OCPC. If you are interested in helping with this collection, we could use a volunteer or two to shop for these items if we receive some financial gifts towards them.

MISSION CHALLENGE FOR OCPC: Hunger is a daily issue in our schools. The number of children and youth facing food scarcity at home continues to increase while federal funding for school lunch (and breakfast programs) face further government cuts. The Blue Jay Backpack Program currently only provides food to 75 K-12 graders once a month. It is hoped that over this year that the program can begin to meet the needs on a weekly basis. Many schools have begun food pantries in the school building. McFarland High School, where Pastor Scott works, has one. The hope would be that Cambridge School District working with the Food Pantry with the support of the local churches and community groups could also have food pantries in the middle and high school. To do this, more volunteers and financial gifts would be needed. This is a local mission we as a congregation should support with our donations and also with volunteers.

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY & RESOURCE CENTER – NOVEMBER 2018 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Donation hours during the month of November are Monday 9 am to 12 pm & 4 pm to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am to 12 pm and Thursday 9:00 am to 3 pm. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

FOOD NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY – The Cambridge Food Pantry needs Tuna, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Ketchup, Hearty Soups, Ramen Noodles, Canned Ravioli, Size 5 & 6 Diapers, Shampoo and Hair Conditioner, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue.

At the present time the Food Pantry is collecting Money and Food Items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets. We could really use Ritz and Town House Crackers for the baskets.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Sandy Berge (sister of Charleen Janus)
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohmusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy & Monty Pearson)
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
Joan Spaulding (wife of Ralph Spaulding)
Mary Trailer

Our children and unchurched children and families, our military around the world, our enemies, our church leaders, families and individuals experiencing financial, job-hunting, health, or relationship problems.

The families of David Stockwell (grandson of Jim & Mardy Schilleman); Nancy Van Valkenberg; Jim Willmore; Patrick & Irene Sullivan, and other families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

Church Schedule

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Communion: First Sunday of each month

Church School: Children through grade 7 meet at 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month
(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Video of Worship Service: Cable 98 or 987 Sun. 5:30 p.m.; Mon.-Tues. 8 a.m. & Noon
(Link to video also available on our website or Facebook page)

Fellowship & Refreshment: Following worship service each week

Pastoral Office Hours: Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Tuesday or by appointment

Business Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday
(Church hours are approved by Session and posted on church entry doors.)

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