



Service for the Lord's Day

25th Sunday after Pentecost – Veterans' Day
November 11, 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] Jenine Spack

Leader: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Leader: With what shall we come before God?

***People:* Shall we bring burnt offerings? Shall we give our first-born?**

Leader: God has told us what is good:

***People:* To do justice!**

Leader: Equal is not always fair.

***People:* We will strive for God's justice.**

Leader: God has told us what is good:

***People:* To love kindness!**

Leader: The small things matter.

***People:* We will be merciful.**

Leader: God has told us what is good:

***People:* To walk humbly with the Holy One!**

Leader: Learning God's way is a lifelong endeavor.

* Please stand as you are able.

People: We will follow.

Leader: Let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility.

People: We will worship God with our whole lives.

***Opening Hymn** *PH* # 332“Live Into Hope”

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

Leader: Let us pray... Because you made the world and intended it to be a good place, and called its people your children; because when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; so, gracious God we gladly say:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faults, because anger, tension, bitterness, and envy distort our vision; because our minds sometimes worry small things out of proportion; because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Because you have promised to hear us and are able to change us, and are willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, guide, forgive and encourage us, as you know best. Then let us live courageously each day that which we proclaim with our lips:

People: **Goodness is stronger than evil, Love is stronger than hate. Light is stronger than darkness. Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer, and challenge us to change our lives until we illustrate the grace of the God who makes all things new.

People: 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: What is your favorite Scripture verse or story in the Bible?

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]Jenine Spack

Leader: Let us pray... God of justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both.

People: **Make us instruments of justice and peace, so that your world might prosper. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Building a Bridge from the Prophet Elisha to the Prophet Micah

The Scripture Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 Readers Theatre (*see insert*)

Sermon Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

* Please stand as you are able.

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison]from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal...with believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

Leader: We pray to the Lord... *People:* Lord, hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'...*)

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.

Prayer Response *PH* #322 "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

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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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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]Jenine Spack

O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. We give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 386.....“O for a World”

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

Leader: Those who live lives pleasing to God shall not be moved. Go now to embrace the kingdom values— values of love, justice, and truth.

People: **With God's blessing, we go to live those values through the power of our challenging, faithful, loving, empowering God.**

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the world. And all God's people said:

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: Call to Worship ~ in praise of Sophia (Wisdom) blog; The Prayer of the Day ~ A Wee Worship Book, Iona Community, Scotland; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Sending ~ Ministry Matters website.

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 Jenine Spack.
- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Our usher/greeter today are the Letos.
- **Nursery care is provided today by the Deacons.**
- Printed copies of sermons are available in the box on the wall outside of the church office and on our website www.OCPChurch.com.

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.)

* Please stand as you are able.

- **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.

EVENTS —

- Today after worship – 11:00 a.m. Bells of Peace
- 11:05 a.m. Session
- Sunday, November 18 – 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Deacons
- 3:00 p.m. Meet at church to carpool to Pres House for
4:30 p.m. worship followed by meal.

Bells of Peace is a National Bell Tolling sponsored by the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission. It was to be the “War to End All Wars”. Europe erupted into global war beginning in July 1914 and lasting until November 11, 1918. World War One was one of the deadliest conflicts in the history of the human race. The total number of both civilian and military casualties is estimated at around 37 million people. The United States fought in the war from April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918. During America’s involvement, 116,516 Americans died and over 200,000 were wounded. In remembrance and honor of all those who served, were killed or wounded in during WW I, we have been asked to participate in “The Bells For Peace” which marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of WW I. **It will take place AFTER WORSHIP TODAY 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Mark Touhey
- Usher/Greeter – Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen
- Fellowship – Nancy & Jan Kristiansen
- Nursery – Deacons

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES –SUNDAY, NOV. 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.

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.

2018 CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY FLOWERS

OCPC will be offering poinsettias this year for the holiday season. *America's Best Flowers* will be furnishing our beautiful flowers. ANYONE can purchase a poinsettia in honor of a loved one, in memory of a friend or family person, or in celebration of the Christmas season. Please contact the church office or Judy Pearson (764-8159). You may purchase as many as you wish.

Thank you to everyone.

Worship and Theology Committee

POINSETTIAS (Indicate number desired on each line)

8 INCH POTS HAVE 3 FLOWERING PLANTS (about 15 blooms)

**Circle
CHOICE OF FOIL**

_____ 8 inch Red	@ \$ 16.50 = \$_____	Red	Green	Gold	Silver
_____ 8 inch White	@ \$ 16.50 = \$_____	Red	Green	Gold	Silver
_____ 8 inch Pink	@ \$ 16.50 = \$_____	Red	Green	Gold	Silver

ADD A RIBBON AND BOW TO ANY FLOWER FOR \$2 EACH

(Indicate number desired on line)

**Circle
CHOICE OF BOW**

_____ Ribbon & Bow	@ \$ 2.50 = \$_____	Red	Green	White
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GRAND TOTAL = \$_____

We (I) am enclosing my payment (check or cash) payable to OCPC.
For checks, include memo 'Christmas flowers'

Donor's Name: _____

Please circle your choice of text below:

Flowers given to the glory and honor of God and...

In Memory of or To Honor or In Celebration of

Deadline for purchase is Monday, November 26, 2018, but please return as soon as possible. Checks may be made out to OCPC. You may take your flowers home after the December 24th, Christmas Eve worship service. Questions can be addressed to our office at 608-423-3001.

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.

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. Sunday
(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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