



Service for the Lord's Day

26th Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Thanksgiving

November 18, 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 Mark Touhey

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: **We recognize God as the source of all goodness and grace.**

Leader: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: **Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness and compassion are all of God.**

Leader: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

People: **We gather to show our gratitude to the One in whose image we are all created.**

Leader: In joyous praise, let us join our voices in thanksgiving to the God in song and praise!

***Opening Hymn** PH # 559 "We Gather Together"

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison] *from Reclaiming Jesus:*

A Confession of Faith in A Time of Crisis

WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God's image and likeness. That image and likeness confers a divinely decreed dignity, worth, and God-given equality to all of us as children of the one God who is the Creator of all things. Racial bigotry is a brutal denial of the image of God in some of the children of God. Our participation in the global community of Christ absolutely prevents any toleration of racial bigotry. Racial justice and healing are biblical and theological issues for us, and are central to the mission of the body of Christ in the world.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the resurgence of white nationalism and racism in our nation on many fronts. We, as followers of Jesus, must clearly reject... racial bigotry that we have seen. In the face of such bigotry, silence is complicity. Racial bigotry must be antithetical for those belonging to the body of Christ, because it denies the truth of the gospel we profess.

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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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** [Responsive] Elder Mark Touhey

Leader: Let us pray... Gracious God, You call us to let go of the things we cling to and step out in faith, trusting in Your love and provision.

ALL: Give us courage to step out boldly, to plant our small seeds generously, and without fear. Use our gifts to accomplish more than we could possibly imagine, so that, through us, Your kingdom might come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

We Depart to Do God’s Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 554..... “Let All Things Now Living”

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

Leader: We began this worship-event with thanksgiving. I call on you now to move out into the world with thanksgiving.

People: May our lives reflect our gratitude to our God who is so good, whose love stands firm forever.

Leader: Let thanksgiving enhance the joys you experience, let thanksgiving transcend the pains you may suffer, let thanksgiving sweeten the duties you must perform, let thanksgiving underpin even the griefs you may have to endure.

People: May our lives reflect our gratitude to our God who is so good, whose love stands firm forever.

Leader: Filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say. God’s peace will always be with you and within you. And all God’s thankful 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 ~ posted on *The Presbyterian Church in Canada* website; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by Walter Brueggemann, in *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann* (Fortress Press, 2002); Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ re- Worship Worship Resources blog; The Sending~ written by Bruce Prewer and Nancy C. Townley.

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 Mark Touhey.
- Our musician today is Angie Williams.
- Our usher/greeter today are Al & Cheryl Bettenhausen.
- **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.)
- **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 —

- Today after worship – Library Day
- Today – 3:00 p.m. Meet at church to carpool to Pres House for 4:30 p.m. worship followed by meal.
- Sunday, November 25 – 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Judy Pearson
- Usher/Greeter – OPEN
- Fellowship – Mare Stewart
- Nursery – Deacons

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – THIS AFTERNOON, 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.

LIBRARY DAYS... Cathy Thiltgen, our church librarian, is once again inviting our children and youth to come to the church library and check out books. Library Days are scheduled for this Sunday, November 18. Dates in December are the 9 & 16. Thank you, Cathy, for this reading ministry! On these dates, the children's library is open both before worship at 9:00 a.m. and after worship at 11:00 a.m.



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 Strobusch)
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.

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. 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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SESSION (Meets the second Sunday of each month.)

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Class of 2019: Mare Stewart, Mike Stitz

Class of 2020: Ann Febock, Renée Roland Johnson,

BOARD OF DEACONS (Meets the third Sunday of each month.)

Class of 2018: Julie Anderson, Judy Schroeder

Class of 2019: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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