



# Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

November 25, 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] ..... Deacon Judy Pearson

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Leader:* O God of grace, you have given us minds to know you

*People:* Hearts to love you and voices to sing your praise.

*Leader:* Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory

*People:* And worship you in Spirit and in truth

*ALL:* Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn** *PH* # 144 ..... "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

**\*The Morning Prayer** [In Unison] .....from *The Book of Common Worship*, p. 395

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

\* Please stand as you are able.

## **\*Passing of the Peace of Christ to One Another**

*Leader:* Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

*People:* **To this peace we were called as members of a single body.**

*Leader:* The peace of Christ be with you.

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

*Leader:* Let us share the peace of Christ.

## **We Listen for God's Word**

**The Children's Message** ..... Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher

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

**Prayer for Illumination** [Responsive]..... Deacon Judy Pearson

*Leader:* Let us pray... God, you reach into our lives not through instruction, but story.

*People:* **Open our hearts to be attentive: that seeing, we may perceive, and hearing, we may understand, and understanding, may act upon your word, that still lives and speaks to us. Amen.**

**The First Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23 Deacon Judy Pearson  
(page 192, N.T.)

**The Second Reading** Matthew 25:31-40 Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher  
(page 29, N.T.)

*Pastor:* For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

*People:* **We give thanks to God.**

**Sermon** ..... Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher

**Hymn** PH # 376 ..... "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## **We Respond to God's Love**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** [In Unison] .....from *The Book of Common Worship*, p. 96

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

### **Prayers**

**Prayers of the People** [Responsive] ..... Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher

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

\* Please stand as you are able.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*using 'sins'...*) .....*Ecumenical*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. 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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**\*Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving** [In Unison] ..... Deacon Judy Pearson

Lord God almighty, you have made all the people of this earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace. Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice, peace, and the strength of forbearance that our liberty may be used in accordance with your gracious will. Give us a true love of peace and guide with wisdom those who lead the nations, that in tranquility, the knowledge of your love may fill the world. Amen.

**We Depart to Do God's Will**

**\*Closing Hymn** *PH* # 151..... "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**\*The Sending** [Responsive]..... Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher

*Leader:* As we leave with God's Blessing

*People:* May the Peace that surpasses all understanding remain in our hearts as we are generous to those in need, welcoming the stranger with the love of Christ in our hearts and minds.

*ALL:* May the Blessing of God, our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit keep us today and always on God's pathway of love. 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**



*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.**

- Today we welcome our Guest Preacher Chaplain Nancy Breitsprecher. Nancy grew up in Portage but has lived in Fort Atkinson since 1966. A Quaker, she received the Master of Divinity degree from Nashotah House, a seminary of the Episcopal Church, in 1981. In retirement she has been a volunteer Chaplain and has filled pulpits in the area.
- Our liturgist today is Deacon Judy Pearson.
- Our musician today is Linda Johnson.
- Our ushers/greeters today are Kay & Stan Lund.
- **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](http://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. **Deadline to turn in receipts for this year is Dec. 16.**

- Copies of *These Days*, a daily devotional magazine, are available at the rear entrance. Donations are voluntary.

## EVENTS —

- Saturday, December 1 – 9:00 a.m. Decorate church for Advent and Christmas
- Next Sunday, Dec. 2 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Communion Server – Cheryl Stitz
- Advent Candles – OPEN
- Liturgist – Cheryl Stitz
- Ushers/Greeters – The Leto Family
- Fellowship – Sylvia & Larry Jensen
- Nursery – Deacons

**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 in December are the 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.



## NOVEMBER 2018 Update Two

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/ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY-** The Cambridge Food Pantry needs Paper Towel & Toilet Tissue, Tuna, Cereal, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Ketchup, Hearty Soups, Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Deodorant, Size 2, 5 & 6 Diapers, Hair Shampoo & Conditioner,

**THANK YOU to all individuals in the community and churches and their members who contributed food and money donations toward the Thanksgiving Baskets---The Food Pantry with donations received was able to put together a complete meal---so Thank you for your generosity!!!!**



**Community Café** – Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is the next Cambridge Community Café! The meal will be hosted by the Cambridge School District. They will be serving Breakfast Casseroles, Cheesy Potatoes, Fruit Salad, and Breakfast treats. The Meal will be served at the **CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**, 403 Blue Jay Way. Meal is served from 5:30 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to come.

### **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. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.)

Class of 2018: Mark Touhey

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

### **CHURCH STAFF**

#### **Music—**

**Accompanists:** Karen Brunk, Marian Korth, Emily Rausch,  
Angie Williams

**Business Manager:** Ruth Poole

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# 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

**DONOR'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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

**GRAND TOTAL = \$\_\_\_\_\_**

We (I) am enclosing my payment (check or cash) payable to OCPC.

For checks, include memo 'Christmas flowers'

**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**

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**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 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve worship service. Questions can be addressed to our office at 608-423-3001.