



Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 20, 2019

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 Melanie Rumpf

Leader: The Lord be with you.

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

Leader: Jesus began his ministry to the world,

***People:* led by the Spirit into the wilderness.**

Leader: As we follow Jesus on our journey,

***People:* let us too be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places of this world.**

Leader: In those forty days, and in that place,

***People:* Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.**

Leader: As we seek to follow Jesus,

***People:* we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices we face.**

Leader: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,

***People:* rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.**

Leader: As we continue on our path to faithfulness,

***People:* we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

***Opening Hymn** PH # 466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

Leader: Let us pray... God in whom alone we find rest, we confess that we often turn from the gifts of identity, purpose, and meaning that you would give us.

People: **Instead of serving others, we serve ourselves.**

Leader: Instead of being motivated by love, we are motivated by fear.

People: **Instead of seeking wisdom, we seek possessions.**

Leader: Instead of working for peace, we work for security.

People: **Instead of seeking our good in you, we look to so many other places, trading your abundant and enduring love for the shiny things of this world.**

Leader: Draw us back to you, O God, and remind us

People: **that all that we have and need we find in relationship with you and with each other.**

Leader: This we pray in the name of Jesus, who came as one of us, tempted as we are, yet without forsaking trust in you.

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: Where is your favorite place to go for dessert?

We Listen for God’s Word

The Children’s MessageRev. Scott Marrese Wheeler

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

Prayer for Illumination [Responsive].....Elder Melanie Rumpf

Leader: Let us pray... Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ you know the tests and trials we face.

People: **Walk with us through this wilderness. Come to us with ministers of healing and visit us with messengers of hope, so that we may return to you in faith, believing the good news of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Building a Bridge from the Baptism of Jesus to Tempted in the Wilderness

The Scripture Matthew 4 Readers Theatre *(see insert)*

SermonRev. Scott Marrese Wheeler

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

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.

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] Elder Melanie Rumpf

God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us, trusting that you will provide for our needs, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. With these offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 343..... “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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

Leader: For all that God can do within us, for all that God can do without us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all in whom Christ lived before us, for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: For all the Spirit wants to bring us, for where the Spirit wants to send us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: The blessing of God, Creator, Child and Spirit, be with you and on your way together, now and forever.

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 ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies; Prayer for Illumination ~ posted on the Presbyterian Church USA website; Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving ~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on her Spacious Faith blog; The Sending ~ from *Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*; written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Listening to the Stones**.

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 Melanie Rumpf.
- Our musician today is Marian Korth.
- Our usher/greeter today is Randy Johnson.
- **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.

* Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- *The annual report is available to everyone today. Please join us for the annual meeting on Sunday, January 27th after worship. A potluck meal will follow.*
- **Please pick up your 2019 Offering Envelopes, now available in Fellowship Hall. If we've missed your name, please notify the office.**
- **Giving statements for 2018 are now available in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your copy and take it with you. Thank you!**
- 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 – Annual Reports are available in Fellowship Hall
- Deacons meet.
- Next Sunday, January 27 – 9:00 a.m. Children’s Library open
- 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Library Day
- 11:00 a.m. Annual meeting of the congregation followed by a potluck meal.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Liturgist – Trevor Leto
- Ushers/Greeters – Cheryl Stitz
- Fellowship – Judy Schroeder & Mark Touhey – Potluck meal after the meeting
- Nursery – Deacons

SOUper BOWL – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Souper Bowl will be celebrated on February 3. Wear your favorite team jersey and bring non-perishable food items for the Cambridge Food Pantry. Soup will be served at fellowship time for everyone’s enjoyment. Cash donations can be made at this time to support the food pantry.

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 —

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohubusch)
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)
John “Jack” Swank and his family (birth father of Renee Roland Johnson)

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.



JANUARY 2019 Update

The Cambridge Food Pantry & Resource Center is open for shopping every Monday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guests are invited to shop every other Monday. Donation hours are Monday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursday 8:00 a.m. till 3 p.m. The Food Pantry is located in the Nikolay Middle School, 211 South Street under the blue canopy.

Thank you to churches and all who generously supported the Cambridge Food Pantry by donating food and money toward the Thanksgiving and Christmas meal baskets that the Food Pantry put together and handed out to families coming to the Food Pantry.

FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry is in need of the following items Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Microwavable Mac & Cheese, Pop Tarts, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Diapers sizes 2, 4, 5 & 6, Shampoo and Conditioner, Tampons, Regular Feminine Pads, Toilet Tissue and Paper Towel, large Women Depends.



Community Café – February 7th is the next Cambridge Community Café! Join the Dip for Dozer team as they serve up a delicious Italian meal! Meal is served 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Cambridge High School, 403 Blue Jay Way. Everyone in Community is invited to come!

CHILI DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR “EVERYONE EATS” CAMPAIGN: A new program has been introduced in the Cambridge Community to provide funding at the Cambridge Schools to subsidize meal accounts for children that may not be able to afford a hot lunch. The program is 100% community funded and they continue to look for ways to fund this important program.

As a result the Cambridge School District and Badger Bank are hosting a **Chili Dinner at the Cambridge High School Commons on Thursday, January 31st from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** Chili bowls provided by CHS art students are \$5.00. Chili dinner is a free-will donation.

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 and 4th 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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