



Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Annual Meeting of the Congregation
January 27, 2019 10:00 a.m.

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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] Trevor Leto

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: If the human body, body of blood and muscle, is to live,

People: it needs salt.

Leader: If the body of Christ, body of peace and justice, is to live,

People: it needs us!

Leader: If the earthly creation, bustling and blooming, is to flourish,

People: it needs the sun's light.

Leader: If the new creation we are in Christ is to flourish,

People: it needs the Spirit's light!

Leader: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

People: Our faith, our love, our compassion, our work for justice and peace are as essential as salt and light.

Leader: But if salt isn't salty?

People: It isn't what it's meant to be.

* Please stand as you are able.

Leader: And if a light doesn't shine?

People: It isn't what it's meant to be.

Leader: Jesus says we are salt of the earth, light of the world.

People: Briny and bright, we are God's faithful people.

Leader: We shall be who we are meant to be in Christ:

People: a welcoming oasis, a compassionate community, a justice-making people, giving glory to God!

***Opening Hymn** PH # 430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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

Leader: Let us pray... Give us, O God, this day: humility, so we can see you in the most vulnerable;

People: a cup to catch the tears of all who weep;

Leader: an arm for the long-suffering to cling to as they walk through life;

People: a broken heart which can heal those who have harmed me;

Leader: guilelessness which looks at the other and sees your beloved not just an object;

People: friendship which embraces those we are taught to fear;

Leader: hospitality which welcomes those who are ridiculed as they shadow you;

People: words of hope, of comfort, of grace

Leader: whispered in the ears of all who are slandered for your name.

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 one change you hope to make in your life in the near future?

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].....Trevor Leto

Leader: Let us pray... God of extravagant grace, may your Spirit refresh our hearts through the reading of the scriptures.

People: that we may perceive all the good we can do for Christ and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus. Amen.

Building a Bridge through the Gospel of Matthew: the Beatitudes

The Scripture Matthew 5:1-20 Readers Theatre (see insert)

SermonRev. Scott Marrese Wheeler
... musical interlude for quiet personal reflection...

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive]..... from *A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)*

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

People: sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

Leader: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

People: engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

Leader: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us

People: courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

People: we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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** [In Unison] Trevor Leto
Loving God, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

We Depart to Do God's Will

***Closing Hymn** *PH* # 339..... "Be Thou My Vision"

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

Leader: Our Enlivening God calls us to be salt —

***People:* to add flavor to the world.**

Leader: Our Enlivening God calls us to be light —

***People:* to add illumination and beauty to the world.**

Leader: Our Enlivening God calls us to be courageous —

***People:* to respond to the needs of the world,**

Leader: so that God's presence may be revealed to all the world.

***People:* Amen!**

Leader: Go out into the future to be the Light of God for all to see. The Salt that seasons God's Love through Christ. The Peace which the Spirit of God brings through us as we work together for justice by our service beyond the walls of our church.

***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



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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.

- The annual congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship today in the sanctuary. Please join us afterwards for a potluck dinner.
- Our liturgist today is Trevor Leto.
- Our musician today is Emily Rausch.
- Our usher/greeter today is Cheryl Stitz.
- **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 —

- The Deacons will once again be serving a Cambridge Community Dinner at Cambridge High School on Thursday, March 7. Sign-up sheets to help with food preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up will be posted in Fellowship Hall.
- **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 meeting of the congregation followed by potluck meal
- Children's Library Day
- Next Sunday, February 3 – 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
- Souper Bowl of Caring

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY —

- Communion Servers - OPEN
- Liturgist – Roman Leto
- Ushers/Greeters – Cheryl Stitz
- Fellowship – Souper Bowl Sunday – Fellowship Committee
- Nursery – Deacons

SOUPER BOWL – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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.



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.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohbusch)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)
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.

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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Class of 2019: Mare Stewart, Mike Stitz

Class of 2020: Ann Febock, Renée Roland Johnson,

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Class of 2018: Julie Anderson, Judy Schroeder

Class of 2019: Joe Leto

Class of 2020: Randy Johnson, Judy Pearson

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