



Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020

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

Prelude "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" (The VGK-Sarepta Children Choir at Bellville SDA Church) <https://youtu.be/4FuurRAJkZY>

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

***Many:* And also with you.**

One: Friends, Jesus became human like us, though not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us the way of God is the way of love. Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first. Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another, and that the most important commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the way of our Sovereign One who we alone worship and worship through our service even to the most vulnerable and "least of these".

Opening Song "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" <https://youtu.be/eMIAHMvYqUs>

The Prayer of the Day

One: Let us pray... Compassionate One, You call us to service; to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, your world. You call us to open our eyes not only to the beauty and love which you create, but the injustice, hate and suffering that we as humans generate towards one another. You call us to open our ears not only to the chattering of the events of this coming week, but the searching, fears and questioning of all whom we encounter behind a mask, virtually or on social media. You call us to open our hands not only to those we choose to share our lives with, but in welcome, love and fellowship to all people. You call us to open our mouths not only to speak platitudes and simple words, but the truths you lay upon our hearts, Your Word for this, your world. You call us to service, to be your eyes and ears, hands and voice in this, Your world.

We Listen for God's Word

The Scripture

Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-22

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice... Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep."

Matthew 25:31-32, 40

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats...And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us,

Many: We give thanks to God!

The Reflection

"Christ the King"

Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

<http://ocpchurch.com/files/135296495.pdf>

The Special Music "Crown Him with Many Crowns" https://youtu.be/s7OCs0d_4vM

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** [Responsive]

One: We trust in Jesus Christ,

Many: **Fully human, fully God.**

One: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

Many: **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.**

One: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
Many: **suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**
One: God raised this Jesus from the dead,
Many: **vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**
One: With believers in every time and place,
Many: **we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

One: Let us pray... Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the world, the body of Christ, and all who yearn for wholeness of life. Liberate us from our bondage to sin, God of freedom, that your church would continually be reshaped and reformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
Many: **hear our prayer.**
One: Show your righteousness, God of justice, that all who are oppressed and marginalized, forgotten, and cast aside would be given voice by elected leaders and compassionate citizens. Lord, in your mercy,
Many: **hear our prayer.**
One: Make wars to cease in all the world, God of peace, that all strife, violence, and bloodshed give way to reconciliation, compassion, and new life. Lord, in your mercy,
Many: **hear our prayer.**
One: Take us by our hand, God of companionship, when we are paralyzed by our fears and unable to step out in boldness. Give us courage to walk confidently with you. Lord, in your mercy,
Many: **hear our prayer.**
One: Give your stillness, God of calm, to all who are facing illness, surgery, or any uncertainty of health. May they know that their times are in your ever-healing hands. Lord, in your mercy,
Many: **hear our prayer.**
One: Write your law of love on our hearts, God of all, that we, like our forebears in faith, would be unswerving in our witness to your grace that is ours through the gift of faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Many: **hear our prayer.**
One: Listen to us when we call upon you, most merciful God, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Christ our Lord.
Many: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (*The New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing,

strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

The Sung Response “Precious Lord” (Aeolians of Oakwood University)
<https://youtu.be/GcOs5kSFqvo>

Offering of Our Tithes and Our Gifts to God

****Please remember to send your offering to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church, 313 E. Main Street, Cambridge, WI 53523, or donate online. (See announcements below for directions.)**

We Depart to Do God’s Will

***Closing Hymn** “All Glory, Laud and Honor” King’s College, Cambridge
<https://youtu.be/pHN8UAK6Yow>

***The Sending** Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned. As you have been received – give. As you have heard – proclaim. And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you. Amen.

Postlude “Hallelujah Chorus” Handel’s Messiah – Choir of King’s College
https://youtu.be/C3TUWU_yg4s



The liturgy this morning is from: The Call to Worship ~ written by Rev. Mindi; The Prayer of the Day ~ written by John Birch and posted on his Faith and Worship website; The Sending ~ written by Rev. Daniel B. Randall, and posted on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways 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)

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.)

- Help us save “pig points.” For us to receive a rebate, please turn in your receipts from the Cambridge Piggly Wiggly in one of three ways: **1.** Place them in the brown bag in the narthex. **2.** Cheryl Stitz will do a porch pickup of any receipts that you may have. Call her at 608-695-1838 to make arrangements. **3.** Receipts can also be mailed to the church office. All funds received are used for mission projects.
Deadline to turn in receipts for this year is December 13.

WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:

Due to the uncertainty of the winter weather, the Session voted to move worship to all-virtual through the end of February 2021. Pastor Scott, with the assistance of Sam Marrese-Wheeler, will be filming from the sanctuary for these worship services. As we are able, we are hoping to add some music. **Communion will be served on Sunday, December 6; Christmas Eve - December 24; Sunday, January 3; Sunday, February 7.** As we have been doing, on Communion Sundays and Christmas Eve, we invite you to have some form of bread and beverage with you.

CHRISTMAS EVE UPDATE – 5 PM – PARKING LOT The Session voted, weather permitting, to hold a parking lot Christmas Eve worship service. We will be worshipping in our vehicles, tuned into 104.3. We do have battery operated candles to share for our traditional candlelight portion of the service. If the weather permits and it is not too cold or snowy, we hope to invite people to step out of their vehicles, masked up, to turn on their candles, and join in the song “Silent Night”. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP – On November 25 at 7 PM, the Cambridge/Deerfield clergy are recording a Thanksgiving Worship Service to be shared on each church’s Facebook page, website and YouTube Channel. It will also be shown on the local cable channels.

NOVEMBER 22 WORSHIP AT 10 AM – Pastor Scott will be live-streaming worship on November 22 and November 29 from the sanctuary via the OCPC Facebook page and over our YouTube channel.

NEW! Donate to our church, Presbyterian Church of Oakland-Cambridge, using the app, **Give+**. Search for “GivePlus Church” in your app store (Vanco Payment Solutions). Once it’s installed, find us using our zip code (53523), and set up one-time or recurring payments, OR use the QR Code below to access our donor page. A link to our donor page is also on our website www.ocpchurch.com. (Click on the button with the green heart)
Thank you!





SEPTEMBER 2020 Update

Hello to all,

Hard to believe September is coming to a close. The month has gone by quickly.

We have settled into the new space in the lower level of the Nikolay Middle School. Even though the new space is ready to receive guests, we are still under a no-contact advisory from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). This means that the Cambridge Food Pantry will continue to offer drive up grocery pickups on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30 until further notice.

We continue to receive tremendous support from both the Community Action Coalition of Wisconsin and Second Harvest. The community also continues to give generously to the program. However, with Winter approaching and the cold and flu season that comes along with it, we anticipate an increase in need for food and personal items in our community.

Below is a "wish list" for the food pantry. We would be grateful if you could continue to encourage your congregations, neighbors and friends to give what they can. There is a donation bin outside of the lower level doors of the middle school/food pantry entrance for non-perishable food items. Anyone wishing to donate perishable foods can contact me directly either by phone or email and I will make arrangements to accept those donations. Monetary donations continue to be the most needed and most efficient way to support the food pantry at this time.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Cambridge Food Pantry.

I hope you all remain healthy and safe.

Kindest regards,

Kerry Marren 608-423-8142 foodpantry@cambridge.k12.wi.us www.cambridgecap.net

CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY WISH LIST: Hearty Soups, Canned pasta (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Beefaroni), Canned or packet tuna, Heat and serve complete meals (non-refrigerated/shelf stable), Individual cereal boxes/bowls, Individual oatmeal packets, Saltines, Ramen, Shampoo and conditioner, Laundry soap, Dish soap.

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Betsy (friend and caretaker of Ken Bilstad) Cards can be sent c/o Ken at 230 Bilstad Rd.
Griffin Clark (grandson of Bill & Patty Strohmusch)
Ron Guthery (father of Michelle Wagner)
Don Hawkins (husband of Margaret Hawkins)
Sylvia Jensen (Waunakee Manor, 801 S. Klein Dr., Rm. 302, Waunakee, WI 53597)
Linda Johnson (mother of Randy Johnson)
Jayne Kilian (daughter of Judy Pearson)
Nancy Kristiansen
Wade Kubina (son of Jo Kubina)
Stan Lund
Renee Roland Johnson
Marilyn Schuster (Oakwood Village East, 5565 Tanco Dr., Madison, WI 53718-1901)
Shawn Spack (son of Jenine & Jack Spack)
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.

The family of Judy Brandt 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.

Church Schedule

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday

Communion: First Sunday of each month

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Class of 2022: Joe Leto, Mike Stitz

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Class of 2022: Cheryl Bettenhausen

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