



Oak Hills

PRESBYTERIAN

**Longing to Know and Make Known
The Astonishing Grace of God**

SUNDAY WORSHIP
November 21, 2021

Welcome!

We are glad you are with us today. Oak Hills is a church of broken people who have been redeemed, and astonished, by God's abundant and free grace offered in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In everything we do, we aim to unpack the greatness and implications of that gospel. In this gospel we encounter two powerful truths that shape our entire lives and relationship with God: we are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, and we are more accepted and loved than we ever dared hope. Our prayer is that these gospel truths would shape us into a community and fellowship worth joining. May you be satisfied in fresh ways today through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love the chance to get to know you. Please fill out the tear-off contact card in the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. We trust that you will find Oak Hills to be a warm community of people eager to care for you. Let us know if you have any questions.

Welcome to the season of the Spirit! Of course, the Spirit is active all year round and we are dependent on the Spirit for all of our spiritual vitality. Beginning with Pentecost Sunday, however, up until Advent is the season of the Spirit. During this time, Christians around the world reflect on what it looks like to live life by the Spirit. The apostle Paul commends the Spirit to the church multiple times:

Romans 8:13 *If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

Galatians 5:16 *Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

Ephesians 5:18 *Be filled with the Spirit.*

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

I pray that through the ministry of the Word and Sacrament today you would yield more and more to the Spirit's work in your life.

–Pastor Dale

FOR YOUR REFLECTION

Since, therefore, the world is like a troubled sea,
true peace will be found nowhere but in Christ.

From John Calvin, Calvin's Complete Bible Commentaries, commenting on John 16:33.

Exalt God's Astonishing Grace

PRELUDE

Tess & John Buckley

The Call to Worship
is God's invitation to
us. Biblical worship is
a dialogue with God
where he initiates,
calls, and draws us by
his grace and we
respond in praise,
humility,
thanksgiving, and
faith.

Congregation reads
bold print.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

We respond to God's
call with prayer,
inviting him to
minister to us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have willed to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King.
Grant that the people of earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under the gentle and loving rule of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Jesus Everlasting King
O Worship The King
(LYRICS ON PAGES 6-7)

JESUS EVERLASTING KING

WORDS: ISAAC WATTS (1816), ALT. MATTHEW SMITH (2003)
MUSIC: MATTHEW SMITH (2003)

Chorus:

Jesus, everlasting King,
Accept the tribute which we bring;
Accept the well deserved renown,
And wear our praises as your crown.

O send your Spirit to impart
Rest and repentance to our hearts,
Like the dear hour when from above
We first received your pledge of love.

Chorus

The gladness of redemption's day,
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,
Nor let our faith forsake its hold,
Nor comforts sink, nor love grow cold.

Chorus

May every time of worship see
Your grace revealed more rich and free,
Till we are raised to sing your name
At the great supper of the Lamb.

Chorus

O that the months would roll away
And bring the coronation day;
The King of Grace shall fill the throne
With all his Father's glories on.

Chorus 2x

O WORSHIP THE KING

WORDS: WILLIAM KETHE (1561), ALT. ROBERT GRANT (1833)
MUSIC: JOSEPH MARTIN KRAUS (1785), ARR. WILLIAM GARDINER (1815)
CHORUS WORDS AND MUSIC: CHRIS TOMLIN (2004)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, and canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Chorus:

You alone are the matchless King,
To you alone be all majesty!
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, you shine in the light!

O measureless might! Ineffable love!
While angels delight to worship above;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Chorus

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Chorus

Encounter God's Astonishing Grace

Confession is a normal and essential part of our relationship with God. Humility and honesty about our sin is welcome and safe in the presence of God.

See Psalm 51:17;
Isaiah 57:15; & 1
John 1:9.

The Good News of Jesus Christ is that we are forgiven of our sin by faith in Christ's substitution for us on the cross.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that although we willingly say that "Jesus is King," we often fail to bow our knees before him. Instead, we grant our allegiances to the relationships and material goods of this world. In your mercy, hear our prayer of confession. Grant us the humility to bow before you, the Ruler of all nations, so that we may be loyal servants in your kingdom. Through your Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Amen.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 8:9, 13:4

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. Though we are weak, we too will live with him by the power of God.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

INSTALLATION OF JOHN LEE

(TEXT ON PAGE 9)

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Here Is Love

(LYRICS ON PAGE 10)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

John Lee

INSTALLATION OF JOHN LEE AS ASSISTANT PASTOR

The Questions for Pastor John

1. Are you now willing to serve this congregation as their assistant pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an assistant pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

The Questions for the Session

1. Do you, the members of the session, continue to profess your readiness to receive John Lee, whom you have called to be your assistant pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your assistant pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Prayer for John and His Ministry

The Pronouncement

I now pronounce and declare that John Lee has been regularly elected and installed as assistant pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Solemn Charge for the Minister and Session – Rev. David Upchurch

HERE IS LOVE

WORDS: WILLIAM REES (19TH CENTURY), MUSIC: ROBERT LOWRY (1876)

Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout Heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me, all thy love accepting, love thee, ever all my days;
Let me seek thy kingdom only and my life be to thy praise.
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see;
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, thou thyself hast set me free.

In thy truth thou dost direct me, by thy Spirit, through thy Word;
And thy grace my need is meeting, as I trust in thee, my Lord.
Of thy fullness thou art pouring thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee;

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Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to thee.

Know God's Astonishing Grace

We believe the Scriptures are given by inspiration of God to be the rule of faith and life. If you are able, we invite you to stand in honor of God's Word.

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

SCRIPTURE READING - John 16:16-33

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE - Pastor Dale Thiele
John: That You May Believe
Joy and Peace in Christ

Questions for

Further Study or

Group Discussion:

1. Read John 16:16-33. What event(s) will take place in “a little while”? How does the woman giving birth help illustrate the experience of the disciples?
2. What is the source of the disciples’ sorrow? What is the source of our sorrows? In what way is the source of sorrow one and the same?
3. How does the disciples’ sorrow turn into joy? How does our sorrow turn into joy? How does this promise impact our experience of sorrow?
4. What sort of tribulation will the disciples experience? Do we experience tribulation? How?
5. How can we have peace and take heart amid tribulation?

Sorrow Turned into Joy

Peace Amid Tribulation

Memory Verse of the Week:

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
(ESV)

Experience God's Astonishing Grace

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a symbolic meal for Christians. As part of our preparation to receive the bread and the cup, we profess our hope in Christ out loud. We join with Christians throughout history and the world in making such a profession.

In his Last Supper before crucifixion, Jesus commanded his followers to "do this in remembrance of me." The broken bread and the cup represent Christ's broken body and shed blood for the sake of our salvation. By partaking of the bread and cup, you are proclaiming hope in this salvation and, by faith, enjoy fellowship with Christ (see 1 Cor. 10:16). The bread and cup are signs and seals of God's covenant promises to forgive our sin and make us new in Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church*. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* "one holy catholic and apostolic Church" refers to the universal church in all places, at all times

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Only A Holy God
(LYRICS ON PAGE 15)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Doxology

WORDS: THOMAS KEN (1674), MUSIC: LOUIS BOURGEOIS (1551)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

ONLY A HOLY GOD

WORDS AND MUSIC: CITYALIGHT (2018)

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God

Chorus:

Come and behold him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God

Chorus

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a holy God

Chorus 2x

Go and Make Known God's Astonishing Grace

God has blessed us by
graciously inviting us
to worship and by
reminding us of his
astonishing grace in
Jesus Christ. We end
our service with a
reminder of God's
promises to bless us
throughout our week.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

WORDS: EDWARD PERRONET (1780), MUSIC: OLIVER HOLDEN (1793)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

BENEDICTION

Ministry Highlights

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting Oak Hills (in person or virtually) we're glad you are with us! Use this form to introduce yourself to us or fill out a visitor slip found at the back of the bulletin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK

Adult and Child Sunday School to Resume January 9, 2022

Sunday School will resume January 9th for all ages! If you are interested in teaching Sunday School to ages Pre-K through 5th grade (January 9 - April 10), contact [Gerie Owens](mailto:geriowens@oakhillspca.com) (geriowens@oakhillspca.com).

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, December 1 @ 7pm at Church and Google Meet

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR MISSIONARIES

Each year we send a gift and Christmas cards to the missionaries that we support. Pick up a packet of cards today for your family to take home in which to write notes of encouragement. The cards are due back by Sunday, December 5.

FOR THE MEN

OH Man Mondays! - Monday, November 22, 8pm at Andy VandenHull's

FOR THE WOMEN

Women's Bible Study

Our "One Big Story" Bible studies next meet December 1st & 2nd — choose between Wednesday mornings (9:15-11:30am) at the church with child care, or Thursday evenings (7:30-9pm) at [Eleanor Call's](#). Contact [Lindsey Layzell](#) or [Eleanor Call](#) for more details. It's not too late to join us; each lesson is on a different book of the Bible!

FOR THE YOUTH

OH, Youth! - Wednesday, December 8 @ 7pm at the Church

Kid360 - Wednesday, December 8 @ 7pm at Church

Join Us in Longing to Know and Make Known the Astonishing Grace of God

THE VISION OF OAK HILLS

"...that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified."

Isaiah 61:3

Be a part of what God is doing at Oak Hills. He calls us "oaks," which means we are...

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL

Sunday Mornings – The ordinary means of grace, the Word and Sacrament, in the context of weekly worship feeds us in God's grace.

Study the Bible with Others – Whether it is a men's or women's or age-specific study, or one of our Adult Christian Education classes, studying God's Word with brothers and sisters sharpens our understanding of the gospel.

GROWING IN COMMUNITY

Church Gatherings – God saves us into a community, his church. Know and be known in our community by coming to one of our regular gatherings.

Life Groups – Go deeper in knowing and being known by joining a Life Group for regular fellowship and prayer. Contact Pastor Dale (dalethiele@oakhillspca.com) for more info.

Membership – Members commit to be faithful contributors to the mission and vision of Oak Hills. The *Getting Acquainted Luncheon* is the first step toward membership (offered periodically). Contact Pastor Dale (dalethiele@oakhillspca.com) for more info.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Serve the Church – The church builds itself up when each part is serving and contributing. Look for ways to serve, whether volunteering with children's ministry, joining the worship team or serving in some other way.

Serve Your Community – You are an ambassador for Christ wherever you live or study or work. How can you love others well, meet needs, and share the gospel?

Communication is important for any relationship. We send weekly emails and periodic text message announcements. Contact Gerie Owens (gerieowens@oakhillspca.com) to sign up.

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Financial Update	General Fund Offerings	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Building Fund
Sept	\$15,438	\$22,040	\$23,068	\$252
Sept YTD	\$158,795	\$179,177	\$207,612	\$2,062

YOU'RE UP!

See if you are on an Oak Hills Crew next Sunday.

November 28, 2021

Deacon of the Week: Brandon Schwabauer

Greeters: Elena Heinbach, Roy Heinbach

Nursery: Eleanor Harbison, Andy VandenHull

Promiseland: Alex Keimach, Noel Heinbach

Prayer: John Lee

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the space below.

I/We would like:

- to talk to a pastor about becoming a Christian
- to join Oak Hills
- info on Sunday School
- info on Children's Ministries
- a call from the pastor (Best time: _____)
- info on Discovering Oak Hills Seminar
- info on Life Groups
- info on Student Ministries
- info on Men's Ministries
- info on Women's Ministries
- other: _____
- Check if you do not want to receive emails from Oak Hills

Thanks for Visiting Us Today!
We are glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out this card and help us to know and serve you better. Just drop it in the offering basket.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Children (Name/Age/Grade): _____

How did you learn of us? _____

Please check all that apply:

- Youth
- 18-21
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50+
- First time guest
- Repeat guest
- Regular attender
- Member

THIS WEEK AT OAK HILLS

November 22-28

Monday, November 22

OH, Man Mondays! @ 8pm at Andy VandenHull's

Tuesday, November 23

No Meetings

Wednesday, November 24

No Meetings

Thursday, November 25

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

Friday, November 26

No Meetings

Saturday, November 27

No Meetings

Sunday, November 28

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am; The Wonder of the Incarnation, *Deity*, Isaiah 9:1-7, Pastor Dale Preaching (In-Person and Live Stream), The Lord's Supper Served

