



# Oakmont Presbyterian Church



## Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2019 at 11:00 am

### Welcome to Oakmont Presbyterian Church!

*We are pleased to have you join us for worship today.*

*So that you may feel at home with us, please note the following:*

**Visitor Parking** spaces may be found in the Dogwood Way parking lot and across the street in the Oak Ridge Condo parking lot.

**Staffed nursery** is available during worship for infants to 3-year old; ask Ushers for directions

**Receivers for the hearing-impaired, Large Print Bulletins** and **Children's Worship bags** are available from the ushers

To preserve the atmosphere of worship, **please turn off** all cell phones and other electronics.

**Please share** your address with us, on the Friendship Pad, so we can send you information about OPC.

**Hymnals and Bibles** are located in the racks on the pews in front of you.

**An asterisk (\*)** in the worship liturgy indicates that all may stand, if able.

**Gluten-free communion bread** is available at the 11:00 am worship service when the Lord's Supper is celebrated

**Service Dogs** are used by several of our members. Please do not pet them when harnessed.

Thank you.

### GATHERING IN FAITH

#### Reflection in Preparation for Worship

The Sacrament of Baptism holds a deep reservoir of theological meaning, including dying and rising with Jesus Christ; pardon, cleansing, and renewal; the gift of the Holy Spirit; incorporation into the body of Christ; and a sign of the realm of God. The Reformed tradition [including Presbyterians] understands baptism to be a sign of God's covenant. The water of baptism is linked with the waters of creation, the flood, and the exodus. Baptism thus connects us with God's creative purpose, cleansing power, and redemptive promise from generation to generation. Like circumcision, a sign of God's gracious covenant with Israel, baptism is a sign of God's gracious covenant with the Church. In this new covenant of grace God washes us clean and makes us holy and whole. Baptism also represents God's call to justice and righteousness, rolling down like a mighty stream, and the river of the water of life that flows from God's throne.

The PCUSA Book of Common Worship

Welcome

Don Ewing

Please sign, pass and return Friendship Record pads during this time of announcements. Prayer requests may be written on the yellow cards in the pews and given to an usher.

Prelude

Chancel Choir and Organ

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

tune: *WATERLIFE*/arr. David Christiansen

*"I was there to hear your borning cry; I'll be there when you are old.*

*I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.*

*I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;*

*In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.*

*You were raised to praise the living lord to whom you now belong" ...*

-text and music: John C. Ylvisaker

## Call to Worship

*Leader: The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour.*

**People: Glory be to God who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.**

*Leader: God, who called all the world into being calls forth new life in us today.*

**People: Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.**

*Leader: God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.*

**People: Glory be to God, who gives the Spirit as the energizing force in the new creation.**

\*Hymn of Praise

*God is Here!*

*Hymnal, No. 461*

\*Prayer of Adoration

Don Ewing

Prayer of Confession

Steve Wilson

**Holy God, in baptism You have marked us as Your own forever, and You have called us to a new life. We confess that the old life clings to us and we cling to it. While we embrace our identity as Your children too often, we have lived in ways that are inconsistent with faith, hope and love.**

.....moment of silent confession

**God of mercy, forgive us. By Your Word direct our steps and by Your Spirit help us amend our ways that we may live into Your coming kingdom and reflect in our actions the new life given in Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: These words of God are trustworthy and true: "Behold, I am making all things new." You are God's new creation. Believe this good news and live as God's forgiven and transformed children.*

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Ministry of Music

Cherub Choir; Angela Thompson, Director

*My God is so Great*

*My God is so great, so strong and so mighty! There's nothing my God cannot do!*

*The mountains are His, the rivers are His, the stars are His handiwork too.*

*My God is so great, so strong and so mighty! There's nothing my God cannot do! For you!*

*I Have Hands*

*I have hands that can clap, clap, clap-God has made my hands.*

*I have feet that can tip, tip toe--God has made my feet*

*I have knees that can bend like this---God has made my knees*

*I have eyes that can blink, blink, blink---God has made my eyes*

Time with Children

Don Ewing and Elizabeth Nicodemus

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Kathy Bowser

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:43-47

Pew Bible, NT, page 120

*Leader: The word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Our Baptismal Identity*

Steve Wilson

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Response

*Baptized in Water*

*Hymnal, No. 492*

\*Confessing Our Faith

*The Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn at Baptism

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

*Hymnal, No. 498*

The Prayers of the People

Community Prayer Concerns

Don Ewing

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Call to Offering

Steve Wilson

A Choral Offering

Chancel Choir

*Rock of Ages†*

James Award/arr. Lloyd Larson

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.*

*Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, would my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgement throne,  
Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.*

- Augustus M. Toplady

Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

\*Hymn of Dedication

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

*Hymnal, No. 129*

\*Charge and Blessing

Steve Wilson

Postlude

Organ

*I've Just Come from the Fountain*

African American Spiritual/arr. Richard Billingham

*I've just come from the fountain. I've just come from the fountain, Lord,  
I've just come from the fountain, His name's so sweet.*

*O brother/sister/sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love Jesus  
O brother/sister/sinner, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet.*

## **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

**Time with the Children** is offered during 11:00 am worship for children in pre-school through 5th grade. Afterwards, ***ALL children*** up to and including 7<sup>th</sup> graders are dismissed to go to the Children's Choir Room (Lower Level) to ***rehearse for the Mini-Musical*** that will be part of the 4:30pm Christmas Eve Family Worship Service. They will meet again beginning Dec. 1 and for all the Sundays in December leading up to Christmas Eve. Parents or Guardians may meet their children downstairs, at the conclusion of worship.

**Worship next Sunday, November 17** at 8:30 am and 11:00 am, *A Song of Thanksgiving*. Rev. Steve Wilson will be preaching *The Paradox of Generosity* based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. Sharing in the Ministry of Music at 11am will be the JuBELLation Ringers and the Chancel Choir. 2019 pledges will be dedicated to God. **A Congregational meeting** will be held next Sunday following the 11:00 am worship service to review the draft budget and act on the pastor's salary recommendation.

**Baptized today** is Nico Guiseppe Rock, born June 30, 2019, son of Angela and Kevin Rock.

†**Today's Choral Offering** - The choral setting of the hymn, *Rock of Ages*, is dedicated to the memory of Keith Amos and other past family saints. The beautiful and meaningful words of this hymn have been of great significance and comfort to me through the years. This anthem setting is also given in honor and appreciation of my OPC choir family. -Laura Amos

**Flowers are given by** Karen Deklinski in loving memory of her grandmother, Georgie Reed; her aunt, Elizabeth Schultz, and her mother, Ann Rosenstiel.

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**Nov. Ushers:** Jack Meyers, Head Usher; Christoph and Wendy Hudak, Rhonda and Frank Passant, Mary and Ralph McIntyre, Paulette and John Rock

**Nov. Greeters:**

Nov. 10:	Bob Gass, Clare Oskin, Bill Taylor
Nov. 17:	Kathy Bowser, Rhonda and Frank Passant
Nov. 24:	Bill Coates, John Veltri, Marilyn Wetmore

## **OPC CARES**

**Your OPC Family Cares About You!** Because there are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member (mstecik@oakmontpresby.org) so we may support you in your time of need. You are loved!

**Please take a moment** to check the 5<sup>th</sup> Street vestibule podium for "get well" or "encouragement" cards to be signed showing those in need that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Prayer Requests** - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: prayers@oakmontpresby.org or contact Carol Heimerich at 412-242-1028.

**Serving Our Country:** David Greenwood, Col. Chris Mahaffey, Becca McAfee, Nathan Rock, Scott Smith and Lt. Col. Brian Trumble.

**In Our Prayers:** Bugs, Marcia & Lynne Bagamery, Carol Broz, Joan Coates, Peter Cooke, Kay Day, Butch Dow, Bert Erickson, Lynn Flanders, Paul Gigler, Amy and Tom Haas, Jane Hackett, Martha Hamer, George Hawker, Chuck and Jean Hazlett, Jane Kinter, Beth Knapp, Ludwig Family, Julie McKenzie, Louise Osselborn, Joan Remai, Joan Sanford, Jane Smith, Millie Stratigos, Elva Taylor, Dave and Jean Wills, Peggy Wolfe and Pat Zanella

**Recovery Groups Meetings:** Alcoholics Anonymous (Mondays at Noon and Saturdays at 8:30 pm in the Dining Room) and Narcotics Anonymous (Thursdays 8:00 pm in the Dining Room).

**Praying for the missions we support** The Cuban church, the members and pastors; The Blessing Board, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Camp Crestfield, and the Adult Mission Work.

**The Deacons at OPC would like you to include in your prayers the following college students,** as they begin or continue their education away from home. The first 7 listed are in their freshman year of college.

Avery Bursick at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI  
Julie McKenzie at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA  
Christoph Hudack at the University of Pittsburgh  
Austin Maksin at Waynesburg University  
Chris Gibson at Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Sam Dreher  
Will Kabazie at Allegheny College  
Carmen Veltri at Penn State University  
Adam Walker at Kent State University  
Emily Walker at Ohio State University  
Alex Gourley at University of Rhode Island  
Jay Quinio at Marshall University

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**One Story at a Time concludes on Nov 13 at 7:00 pm in Friendship Hall.** Meet and hear a compelling story, engage in conversation, refreshments served. *Living with Physical Disabilities*. Free and open to all!

We are suggesting people wear cardigans to the event. Nov. 13 is World Kindness Day. World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. This day, celebrated on Nov 13 of each year, has the purpose is to help everyone understand that compassion for others is what binds us all together.

This year WQED is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood. In honor of Mr. Rogers, who always promoted kindness and whose signature clothing item was a cardigan, on this World Kindness Day 2019 WQED is asking people to wear a cardigan to promote kindness and help in the celebration. Let's do that!

**Yoga For Women** - Monday evenings 6:30-7:30 pm, Friendship Hall. *No Yoga Nov 25 and Dec 2.*

**OPC Film Series Screenings** - Join us for the OPC Film Series Screening and discussion at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room (lower level). Everyone is welcome. Admission is FREE, and we supply the popcorn!

**Nov 15** – *Breakthrough*                      **Dec 6** – *Instant Family*                      **Dec. 20** – *A Dog's Way Home*  
*Movies may be borrowed for 2 weeks, please contact Jody Dickinson (412-828-3644).*

**Coffee and Conversation Speaker Series on Sundays at 9:30am in the Multipurpose Room.**

**NOVEMBER TODAY and 17 - Dr. Steven Tuell**

***Beginnings: What Genesis 1-2 Says (and Doesn't Say)***



After studying at WV Wesleyan College and Princeton Theological Seminary, Rev. Dr. Steven Tuell earned his Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible at Union Theological Seminary in VA. He taught at Erskine College, S.C. (1989-1992) and Randolph-Macon College, VA (1992-2005), receiving numerous awards for teaching excellence. Tuell's particular research interests are biblical prophecy, particularly the book of Ezekiel and the Book of the Twelve, and the biblical literature of the early Persian Period. An ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, he has served churches in PA, NJ, WV and VA. He is a member in full connection of The Western PA Conference of The United Methodist Church, and preaches and teaches frequently throughout the area.

**Presbyterian Women** are continuing to collect **gift cards for Young Lives through Nov 25**. Young Lives offers hope for a bright future for young mothers and their babies through mentoring and support. A gift card to Panera, Eat'n Park or McDonalds allows a mentor and a teen mom to meet and share life for an hour. Gift cards for Giant Eagle, Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree and others are also accepted. We will be closing this drive on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. Please purchase your cards soon and give to Marjorie King or drop off at the church office. This is a worthy cause – thank you!

**Angel Tree Ministry 2019** Help provide for a record number of children this Christmas! Calling on Angel Tree shoppers to help us fill the needs of 56 children this Christmas. In addition to our partnership with East End Cooperative Ministry, to provide gifts to vulnerable children and youth in their community, we have 16 children referred to us by RCAC in our community. Each ornament provides information about the needs and wants of the children. You do the shopping and **return the gifts, unwrapped, under the tree with the identifying ornament by SUNDAY, DEC 1.** The Deacons wrap and deliver the gifts. If you want to help but don't have time to shop, there are donation envelopes on the tree in the fifth street vestibule. Thank you for making a brighter Christmas for these children and their families. If you have any questions call or e-mail Terri Kedzierski at Terri\_Kedzierski@fcasd.edu or at 412-334-6401

**Dorothy Wygant's new address:** 427 Jameson Way, Winchester, KY 40391

**Hope for the Holidays** worship service acknowledges the pain and sadness many people experience as the holidays approach, but also encourages people to move toward hope. Remembering a lost a loved one, living with a serious illness, a job loss, or experiencing any one of an inexhaustible list of personal losses can set in motion a season of sadness. This quiet and reflective time of worship is **on Sunday Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm in Friendship Hall.**

**2020 Stewardship Goal: \$575,000; pledged as of Nov 4 - \$255,504.:** Your generous Stewardship donations are sincerely appreciated, providing for the vibrant, growing, and most importantly faithful Church we all love and cherish. Stewardship season will conclude at the end of November. Before we all become quite busy with the Thanksgiving Holiday ***please return your 2020 pledge card by as soon as possible.*** We stand excited to launch a new year in January and will appreciate your generous support to do so.

*God Bless - Your stewardship Committee, Robin Gourley, Ralph McIntyre and Nick Kokales*

Draft copies of the 2020 narrative draft budget are available in the vestibules.



**39th Annual Christmas Carol Walk**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

A "progressive" sharing of the Christmas Story  
through *The Festival of Lessons and Carols*  
presented by the local church music ministries

**6:00 pm— Oakmont Presbyterian Church**  
*(corner of 5th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue)*

**6:30 pm – St. Irenaeus Roman Catholic Church**  
*(385 Maryland Avenue)*

**7:00 pm – St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
**w/ St. Paul's Baptist Church**  
*(corner of Fourth Street & Delaware Avenue)*

**7:45 pm - Oakmont United Methodist Church**  
*(corner of Fifth Street & Maryland Avenue)*

The Carol Walk Finale will feature music by combined choirs  
and reception provided by Oakmont United Methodist Church

***All are welcome and bring a friend!***  
*Handicap and Wheelchair accessible.*



## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b> <b>8:30 am</b> 9:30 am <b>11:00 am</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 10 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost</b> <b>WORSHIP</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>WORSHIP &amp; Nico Rock Baptism</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>NOVEMBER 11 – VETERAN’S DAY</b> AA’s (Small Group Room) Cherub Choir (Lower Level) Children’s Choir (Lower Level) Cub Scouts (Multi-Purpose Room) Yoga for Women (Dining Room) JuBELLation Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 7:00 pm	<b>NOVEMBER 12</b> Our Journey Without Them (Marie Berg Chapel)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>NOVEMBER 13</b> Noon Bible Study (Small Group Room) One Story at a Time (Friendship Hall)
<b>THURSDAY</b> 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm	<b>NOVEMBER 14</b> Boy Scout Troop #854 (Multi-Purpose Room) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) NA’s (Dining Room)
<b>FRIDAY</b>  7:00 pm	<b>NOVEMBER 15</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline for Articles</b> OPC Film Series: Stan and Ollie (Multi-Purpose Room)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30 pm	<b>NOVEMBER 16</b> AA’s (Dining Room)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>8:30 am</b> 9:30 am <b>11:00 am</b> 12:00 pm 12:00 pm	<b>NOVEMBER 17 – A SONG OF THANKSGIVING</b> <b>WORSHIP</b> Sunday School for All Ages <b>WORSHIP</b> Blood Pressure Readings (Marie Berg Chapel) Mission Team Meeting (Small Group Room)

### OPC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson	Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing	Parish Associate
The Rev. Laura Bentley	Director of Missions
Michael P. Frank, III	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Jane Kinter	Director of Education for Children, Youth and Families
Elizabeth Nicodemus	Transitional Youth Worker
Maureen Stecik	Program Staff Assistant
Dale Remail	Custodian
Tracy Messenger	Financial Secretary of Accounting
Marge Kuhn	Financial Secretary of Contributions
Roberta Erickson	Handbell Choir Director
Tom Lewis	Sound Coordinator
Tracy Messenger and Carol Huber	Nursery Attendants

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**All Children to age 12 or grade 7 are invited to participate in  
“The Little Shepherds”**



**a mini-musical to be presented  
at the 4:30 worship service on Christmas Eve.**

**Rehearsals will be held  
during the 11:00 am worship service  
following the Time with the Children  
on the following dates:**

**Nov.10,  
Dec.1, 8, 15 and 22**

Contact Angie Thompson at [althomp321@gmail.com](mailto:althomp321@gmail.com)