



Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
Decatur, Georgia

Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA August 27, 2023 Worship

Order of Worship

Prelude

Matt Wauchope

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Alan Ashe

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made the heavens and the earth.

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

then the flood would have swept us away.

The God who saved Israel is still at work in the world,

hearing the cries of the afflicted and setting God's people free.

Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn #307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

OUR HUMANITY

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

***Passing of the Peace**

Lord Prepare Me

Write your prayer requests on a green sheet and give it to an usher at Children's Time, or text your prayer requests to: 404-551-3791 .

Children's Time

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Alan Ashe

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 138

Anthem

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

James Hall, Arr.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Katie Ricks

Sermon

***Hymn #321**

The Church's One Foundation

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

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.

Tithes and Offerings

You're Good

Fred Hammond

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Song of Praise

***Doxology - Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit ever more
Praise Triune God, whom we adore

SENDING

***Charge & Benediction**

***Sending Song**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There's a sweet expression on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit. Sweet heavenly dove.
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

***Please rise in ways that are meaningful for you, knowing that, at Oakhurst, moving, dancing, and shouting *Amen* are welcome at any time.**

Visitors and guests, please let us know you are here by filling out a visitors card and placing it in the offering plate or scan the QR code on the card.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall, downstairs, for a time of fellowship and refreshments following worship

Worship Leaders today include: Rev. Katie Ricks, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Heather Chase, Associate Pastor; Kim Hightower, Choir Director; Matt Wauchope, Musician; Alan Ashe, Liturgist

**Oakhurst Presbyterian Church (USA)
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Church Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-2
404-378-6284

Pastor Katie
Sabbath Days: Friday & Saturday
Pastor Heather
Sabbath Days: Monday & Saturday
Deacons of the month for August:
Kathy Hill and Susan Brown
Contact information in OneChurch
or call the church office.

Happening this week at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 27

9:50 am Red Team- Community Sharing and Settler Mindset- Building genuine community between Native people and churches.

10:00 am Christian Education

11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, August 29

Noon Lunch Bunch - Athens Pizza

6:00 pm Gospel Choir

Wednesday, August 30

4:30 pm Racial Justice Vigil - Stand with others who know Black Lives Matter

7:30 pm Chancel Choir- Contact [Matt Wauchope](#)

Thursday, August 31

10:30 am Prayer Group - Contact Rev. [Heather Chase](#) for more information

6:00 pm Book/Podcast Study Group

Saturday, September 2

10:00 am Racial Justice Vigil - Stand with others who believe Black Lives Matter

Sunday, September 3

10:00 am Special Christian Education program for all ages

11:00 am Worship with Communion