



Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
Decatur, Georgia

Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA August 20, 2023

Order of Worship

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 67)**

May God be gracious to us and bless us

May God's face shine upon us.

Let the people praise you, O God

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

For you judge the people with equity

And guide the nations upon the earth.

O God, we lift up our praise to you!

Samantha Kendrick

***Opening Hymn #664**

"Morning Has Broken"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

God of Love,

we give thanks that you continue to seek us,

even when, and especially when,

our lives seem so far away from your calling.

God of Grace,

forgive us when we dismiss and ignore

**those who are seeking
connection, healing, a blessing.**

**God of Courage,
move us to build relationships with
those who dwell well past the margins
of our clearly defined boundaries.**

**God of Justice,
give us wisdom to hear your children's needs
and support and advocate with and for
those to whom no one listens.**

(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace** "Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

Children's Time Rev. Heather Chase

HEARING

Prayer for Illumination Samantha Kendrick

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Anthem "Praise the Lord, Your Glories Show" *E. Broughton*

New Testament Reading Matthew 15:21-28 Rev. Katie Ricks

Sermon

***Hymn # 628** "Praise, I Will Praise You Lord"

RESPONDING

Prayers of the People Rev. Heather Chase

Place your prayer requests on a green sheet and give it to an usher or Text Your Prayer Requests to: 404-551-3791

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 may give online at oakhurstpcusa.org/give ~ PayPal oakhurstpcusa@gmail.com ~ CashApp \$oakhurstpcusa ~ Mail 118 2nd Ave. Decatur, GA 30030.

3rd Sunday Hunger Offering Collection - please add your offering to the plate as it is passed with a note on your check or gift to signify it is for Hunger offering.

Song of Praise

"Canticle of the Turning"

Will Kochel

*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.

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

Worship Leaders today include: Rev. Katie Ricks, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Heather Chase, Associate Pastor; Matt Wauchope, Will Kochel Musicians; Samantha Kendrick, Pastoral Intern

Happening this week at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 20

9:30 am Sunday School Kick Off Breakfast and Open House

11:00 am Worship

Tuesday, August 22

6:00 pm Gospel Choir

Wednesday, August 23

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

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

Thursday, August 24

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

6:00 pm Book Study group

6:30pm Session Meeting

Saturday, August 26

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

Sunday, August 27

10:00-10:45 am -Christian Education for all ages

11:00 am Worship

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.

Check out the calendar on [OneChurch](#) to get more upcoming events

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