



Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
Decatur, Georgia

Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA September 10, 2023

Order of Worship

Prelude

Matt Wauchope

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Charlie Copp

Praise the Lord!

**Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.**

Let the faithful sing for joy.

***Opening Hymn #611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

OUR HUMANITY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,

As Christ calls us. (Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

Oh, Lord, We Praise You

Hezekiah Walker

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

Charlie Copp

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 119:33-40

Anthem

I Love the Lord

Richard Smallwood

New Testament Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

***Hymn #306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs 1, 2, 5)

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Confirmation | Profession of Faith - Jordan Ellen Ricks

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

Song of Praise

Every Praise

Hezekiah Walker

***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.**

Liturgy: Call to Worship, *Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion A2*, p.147 and Prayer of confession, Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

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; Charlie Copp, Liturgist.

Church Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-2
404-378-6284

Pastor Katie and Pastor Heather
Sabbath Days: Monday & Saturday

Deacons of the month for September:
CJ Evans and Suzette Hollins
Contact information in OneChurch
or call the church office.

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

If you have not signed on to OneChurch please do so. It's easy. If you need help simply call the church office.

**Oakhurst Presbyterian Church (USA)
118 Second Ave, Decatur, GA 30030**

www.oakhurstpcusa.org

Announcements

Friendship Pads: During the announcements, ushers will bring down friendship pads, which help us to be able to greet you by name during the passing of the peace. Please write your name and pass it towards the windows from the center aisle. When it reaches the end, pass it back towards the aisle, so you know who is worshiping beside you. **If you are visiting**, we are very glad you are here. If you would like to receive more information about Oakhurst, please include your email address, so we can connect with you.

Sharing Joys and Concerns: Oakhurst is a community that prays together. One way that happens is by lifting up prayer needs, joys, concerns during the prayers of the people. If you have a prayer to be lifted up, please write it on the **Green Sheets**, which are available in the pews. Ushers will gather these after the passing of the peace, while the children are coming forward for the Children's Moment.

Fellowship Following Worship: Every Sunday, we gather in Jefferson Fellowship Hall to enjoy treats, share stories, and have space to just *be* together. Please join us.

Congregational Meeting: On **Sunday, September 17**, immediately following worship, we will gather as a community to elect members to serve on the nominating committee, which will, with the Holy Spirit, nominate elders and deacons to serve.



Ministry Fair & Lunch: On **Sunday, September 24th**, join us in Jefferson Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for fellowship, lunch, and the opportunity to learn about the ministries at Oakhurst. You can learn first hand from those sharing their gifts now, ask questions, and find places where you'd like to offer your time. Lunch is provided, and we need you to sign up. **Please scan this QR code to RSVP by September 17.**

Session Visioning Retreat: Please be in prayer for Oakhurst and our Session, as they go on a full day retreat on **Saturday, September 16**, to work on the vision and mission of Oakhurst Presbyterian into the future.

Elders, please pick up your book in the church office, if you haven't done so already.