



Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
Decatur, Georgia

Oakhurst Presbyterian Church USA
September 3, 2023
Order of Worship

Prelude

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Katie Ricks

***Call to Worship**

Chris Beck

We gather hoping to see God,
here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.
We can see God
when we show one another honor,
when we pursue hospitality to strangers,
when we live in harmony with one another,
when we rejoice in hope.
Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

Opening Hymn #317 "In Christ There is no East or West"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.
There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.
We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.
You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.
Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.
(Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

“Walk Together Children”

Trad.

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

Chris Beck

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Anthem

“Be Still and Know”

arr. Abbington

New Testament Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Rev. Katie Ricks

Sermon

IN RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Holy Communion

***Communion Hymn #526**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you!

And also with you...

Prayers of the People

Rev. Heather Chase

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.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Tithes and Offerings

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Elkins

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*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Liturgy in today's worship: Call to Worship - Presbyterian Outlook, 2023 Liturgy written by Molly Spangler and provided for free distribution; Prayer of Confession - Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission; Communion Liturgy - "Come, You Weary and Restless", First UCC Malone (NY).

Worship Leaders today include: Rev. Katie Ricks, Transitional Pastor; Rev. Heather Chase, Associate Pastor; Matt Wauchope, Musician; Chris Beck, Liturgist

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***Happening this week at
Oakhurst Presbyterian Church***

Sunday, September 3

10:00 am Intergenerational Christian Education

11:00 am Worship

Monday, September 4 - Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

6:00 pm Gospel Choir

Wednesday, September 6

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

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

Thursday, September 7

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

6:00 pm Book/Podcast Study Group

Saturday, September 9

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

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.