

SUNDAY, November 16, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome members, friends, and visitors! In this hour, may you find fellowship and experience the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign the Guest Book and complete a welcome card. Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship.

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORSHIP

*Those who are able are invited to stand ***Indicates times for ushers to seat worshipers

As a courtesy to other worshipers, please silence your cell phones. Thank you.

Welcome to Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church for a time of worship. Greet each other in Christian love being mindful of those who need some time for quiet meditation.

The Chimes Call Us to Worship

Prelude *“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”* John Bacchus Dykes
 ~ During the prelude take time to *“Be still and know that God is Lord.”* ~

Greetings Pastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Announcements Mike Moore, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Stewardship Moment Oak Lawn Players

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 98)

LEADER: Even before we call, God is eager to listen and ready to answer us.
PEOPLE: The hills sing together and all of creation proclaims God's glory.
 LEADER: If the hills are alive with song, let us too awake to sing of God's love.
PEOPLE: We worship God with great joy and delight.
 LEADER: Let us welcome the new heaven and earth that God has planned.
PEOPLE: We welcome God's healing touch in our midst.

***Gathering Hymn #59** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* Verses 1, 2 & 3

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer:** As we come before the Lord in worship, let us come in faith, confident that God will hear, and the Holy Spirit will bless. Let us pray: **Redeeming**

God, there are no words large enough to praise you. No response from us can match the love you have shown us. Gather us now into your warm embrace that our faith may be renewed. Strengthen us for the work at hand and lead us into that new day of your creating. Empower us to the honor and glory of your holy name as you guide us in the way of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdon come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sanctuary Choir *"I Will Give Joyful Thanks"* Douglas Nolan

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes
Offertory *“Prayer”* Sylvia Riggs

***Doxology #34** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*Offering Prayer

Children's Moments *(Children leave for Sunday School after Children's Moments)*

Prayer Hymn #589 *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”* Verse 1

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer
Response #490 *“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

Scripture Lesson Luke 21:5-19 (NT pg. 85)

Sermon *“Wisdom From Above”*

***Closing Hymn #508** *“Lead On, O King Eternal”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *“Let There Be Peace on Earth“* Sy Miller

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

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The flowers on the altar are from the Sanctuary Choir in honor and celebration of our dear friend, Scott, who always added the perfect balance and blend.

“...and you shall be called ministers...”

Ministers: all members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Worship Leader: Mike Moore

Organist: Margery Jones

Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb

Secretary: Beth Lamarre

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OF BOTH
Thanks
&
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