

SUNDAY February 22, 2026

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.

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT WORSHIP

*Those who are able are invited to stand ***Indicates times for ushers to seat worshippers
As a courtesy to other worshippers, 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 "Largo" G. F. Handel

~ During the prelude, please take time to "Be still and know that God is Lord." ~

Greetings Pastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Announcements John McCann, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Call to Worship

LEADER: We have entered into the season of Lent. Sundays, however, are not a part of Lent.

PEOPLE: We have entered a wilderness time. Yet this day of worship is an oasis.

LEADER: We gather to worship God and to remember God's revelation in Jesus.

PEOPLE: As we revisit the garden of Eden, we remember God's overflowing generosity.

LEADER: We worship God who gives us choices and limits.

PEOPLE: We are open to God's counsel and instruction. We seek to make good choices.

*Gathering Hymn #443 "Trust and Obey" 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: **Holy God, in this season of self-examination and instruction, we listen for your voice. Counsel us day by day so we are not led astray by other voices that tempt us to turn away from you.**

Lead us through this time of wilderness. Help us to rediscover your steadfast love. Guide us as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying...

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.

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.

Bell Choir "Be Still My Soul" Arranged by Sandra Eithun

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes including the RMMO Offering
Offertory "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Arr. Phillip Keveren

*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

Bell Choir "I Surrender All" Arranged by Sandra Eithun

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

Prayer Hymn #349 "Seek Ye First" Verse 1

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer
Response #490 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Scripture Lesson
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon "Freedom and Limits"

*Closing Hymn #614 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Right Hand of Fellowship to Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

*Benediction

***Postlude**

“Chime Benediction”

John Weston

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

The flowers this week are given to the Glory of God

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

Ministers: All members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Worship Leader: John McCann

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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Prayers for our Service Men & Women and for peace for our Country.

Ongoing Projects

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