

SUNDAY August 23, 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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORSHIP

Those who are able are invited to stand. *Indicate 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 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Arr. Phillip Keveren
~~ During the prelude, take time to “Be still and know that God is Lord.” ~~

Greetings Pastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Announcements Rick Cunningham, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Call to Worship

LEADER: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.

PEOPLE: We come to worship the One who answers our prayers.

LEADER: God has gifted each of us in unique ways.

PEOPLE: In our variety of gifts, we complement each other.

LEADER: With grateful hearts, we seek to discern God's will.

PEOPLE: We are open to God's transforming Spirit.

***Gathering Hymn #463** *“Revive Us Again”*

***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: **Loving God,**

you have protected your people when they were surrounded by trouble. Your love never fails. May we not be conformed to the ways of the world, but may we be transformed by your holy Word. Open our eyes to see the ways you are still at work among us today. Guide us to bring healing where there is pain, comfort where there is grief, and love where there is dissension. In everything, lead us in the way of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

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.

Hymn #557 *“It Only Takes a Spark”*

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes including the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

Offertory “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” William J. Kirkpatrick

***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

Prayer Hymn #492 *“Spirit of the Living God”* Verse 1

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:13-19
Romans 12:1-8

Sermon *“God’s Transforming Love”*

***Closing Hymn #56** “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Postlude *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* Carl G. Glaser

Enter to Worship **Depart to Serve**
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The flowers are given by Rennae Bell to the Glory of God and in Celebration of grandson Lawson's birthday August 24th and son Brett's birthday August 25th!

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

Ministers: All members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Worship Leaders: Rick Cunningham

Organist: Margery Jones

Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

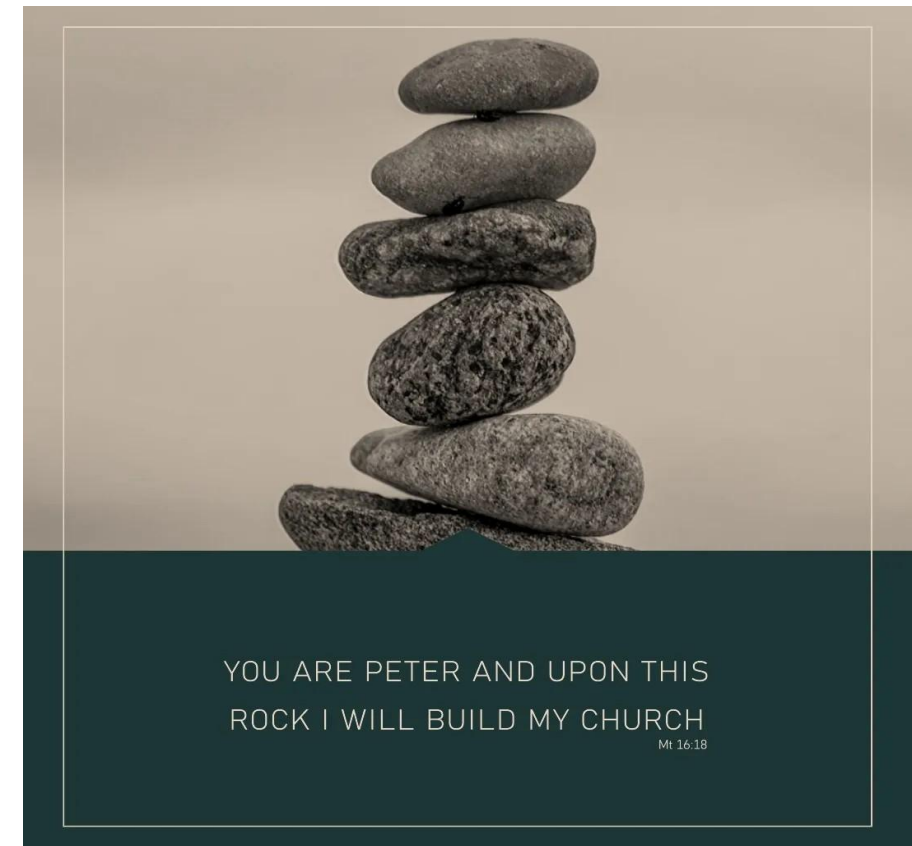
Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb

Secretary: Beth Lamarre

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Prayers for all our Service Men & Women, and for peace for our country.

Ongoing Projects

Operation Stand Down Rhode Island which services Men and Women Veterans. Bring in food donations, as well as toiletries (*needed items include toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, body wash, bar soap, razors, toilet paper, paper towels and feminine products*) any time and leave in the box outside Fellowship Hall. We will be delivering on the third Friday of each month.

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