

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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORSHIP
Those who are able are invited to stand. *Indicate 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“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”William Runyan
~~ During the prelude, take time to “Be still and know that God is Lord.” ~~

GreetingsPastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

AnnouncementsJohn McCann, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Call to Worship

LEADER: God calls us to this time and place of worship.
PEOPLE: We have been drawn to a flame burning here.
LEADER: The place where we are standing is holy ground.
PEOPLE: We sense the glory of God in this place.
LEADER: In a burning bush, God spoke to Moses. In the rhythm of worship, God speaks to us.
PEOPLE: We will listen for God’s voice, for surely the Spirit is still speaking.

*Gathering Hymn #95“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

***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: **Gracious God, just as Moses experienced your presence at the burning bush, so too we trust that your presence is with us here now. We welcome your holy Word, spoken to us in this place. As you challenged Moses to follow your command, so too you challenge us to follow in the footsteps of our Savior. We seek to honor you as we serve one another in Christ’s name. Grant us strength and courage to deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow in the way of Jesus 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.

Solo“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”Charles Hutchinson Gabriel
Earl Randall

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes including the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.
Offertory“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”African American Spiritual
***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 #452“Through It All”
A Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Response #490“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Scripture LessonExodus 3:1-7b, 10-12
Matthew 16:21-27

Sermon“Expect the Unexpected”

*Closing Hymn #353“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Postlude“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”Ludwig van Beethoven/Arr. Jerry Ray

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

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*The flowers are given by The Wales Family to the Glory of God
and in memory of our dad, Charles Wales.*

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

Ministers: All members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Worship Leaders: John McCann

Organist: Margery Jones

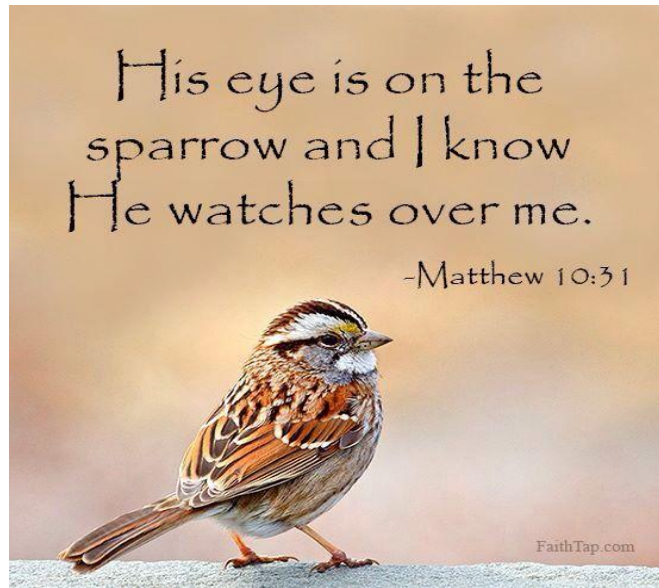
Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb

Secretary: Beth Lamarre

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Sunday August 30, 2026

OAK LAWN COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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