

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.

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORSHIP & RALLY DAY
*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 “Softly and Tenderly” 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 Michelle Emery, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Call to Worship

LEADER: Let us remember God’s marvelous works.
PEOPLE: Surely, God has helped us in difficult times.
LEADER: At all times, God upholds us and helps us to stand.
PEOPLE: We are in God’s steadfast care wherever we go.
LEADER: When we have been wronged, God helps us turn toward the good.
PEOPLE: Every day, we can know more of God’s goodness and mercy.

*Gathering Hymn #457 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*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,**

your strength enables us to stand against the temptations we face. Your mercy discerns our deepest motives. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so too your love outshines our missteps. Empower us to embody the spirit of Christ in our relations with each other. Guide us to forgive as Jesus forgave. Open our hearts as we pray in the manner Jesus taught us, 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 “Be Still and Know That I Am God” Psalm 46: 1, 10; Michael Larkin
Today’s anthem was written in 2004 and “dedicated to the grieving families and friends of those who lost their lives during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States of America.”

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes
Offertory “Sheep May Safely Graze” J. S. Bach
*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 will remain for Worship

Prayer Hymn #85 “I Love You, Lord”
A Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Response #490 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Scripture Lesson Matthew 18:18-22 (NT pg. 20)
Romans 14:1-9 (NT pg. 163)

Sermon “Remember, Restore, Renew”

*Closing Hymn #462 “Renew Your Church”

Postlude “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Arr. Victor Labenske

Enter to Worship +++++ Depart to Serve



The flowers are given by Lynne Kemp 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: Michelle Emery

Organist: Margery Jones

Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

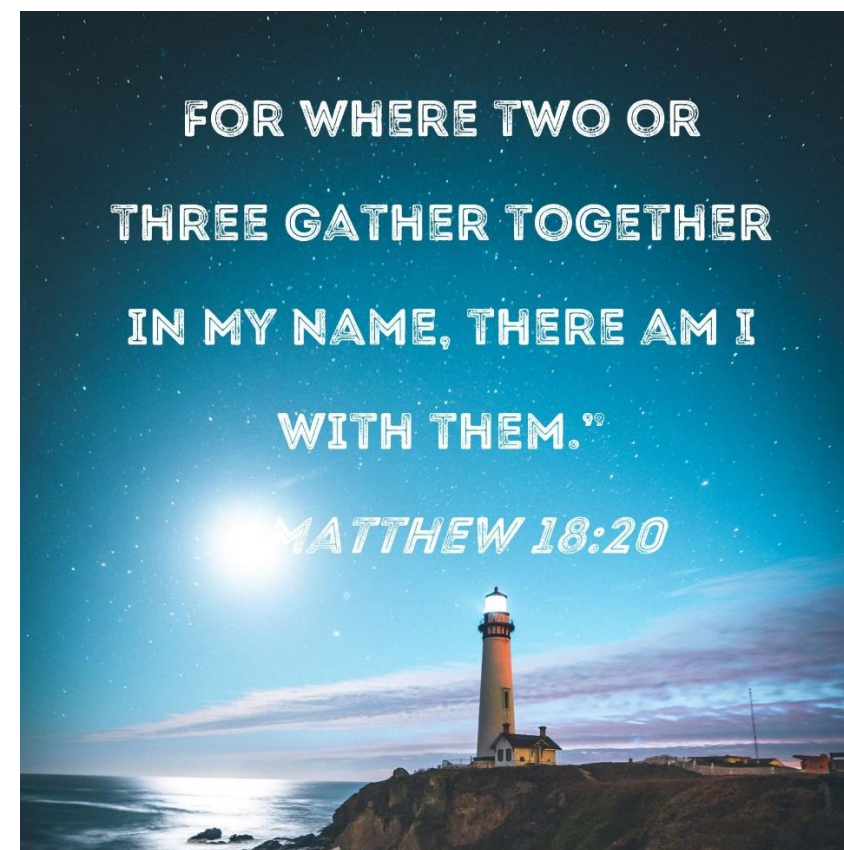
Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb

Secretary: Beth Lamarre

Rally Day 2026!



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Sunday September 13, 2026

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

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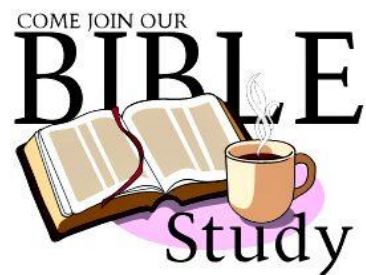
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