SUNDAY November 8, 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.

24th 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 *"America, the Beautiful"* Samuel A. Ward; Arr. Victor Labenske
~~ During the prelude, take time to "Be still and know that God is Lord." ~~

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Greetings Pastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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Announcements Beth Moore, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance

Birthday and Anniversary Recognition

Stewardship Moments The Oak Lawn Players

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Call to Worship
LEADER: Ler us put away the things we have substituted for God.
PEOPLE: We seek to know God and to rejoice before our Creator.
LEADER: Let us give joyous expression to a growing faith.
PEOPLE: We choose to serve the God whom Jesus revealed.
LEADER: Our hope is in God's grace beyond all judgment.
PEOPLE: We welcome the light God promises us, and we seek to respond with faithful service.

***Gathering Hymn #731** *"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"*

***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, we gather with sincerity and faithfulness to worship you. Attune our hearts to your commandments as we remember your mighty acts. Declare your word to us so we may be inspired to share our faith with each new generation. May your realm be realized among us. May your love be celebrated in all of our relationships. And may we prove faithful to the teachings of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray in this manner…

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.

Oak Lawn Ensemble *"Lead Me, Lord"* Samuel Sebastian Wesley; Arr. Fred Bock

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes
Offertory *"Amazing Grace"* Edward Broughton
***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 #451 *"Be Still, My Soul"* Verse 1
A Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Response #490 *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon *"Keeping the Light Burning"*

***Closing Hymn #22** *"Let All Things Now Living"*

Postlude *"Benediction for Chimes"* Stewart Landon



The flowers are given in loving memory of Janet Breckenridge, by her sister Charlotte and her friend Carol.

Enter to Worship +++++ ***Depart to Serve***

"…and you shall be called ministers…".
Ministers: All members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley
Worship Leader: Beth 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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