SUNDAY November 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.

26th 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 *"We Gather Together* 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 John McCann, Worship Leader

Symbols of Remembrance
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Call to Worship

LEADER: Let us come together to praise God, who crowns the year with abundance.
PEOPLE: We are thankful for the bounty we have enjoyed.
LEADER: God chooses to love us and to draw us near.
PEOPLE: God invites us to enjoy the good that is all around us.
LEADER: God enriches our lives with many opportunities to show the love of Christ.
PEOPLE: May our thanksgiving overflow in acts of kindness.

***Gathering Hymn #721** *"Come, Ye Faithful People, Come"* Verses 1, 2 & 4

***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: **Generous God, you are present in all times and places. Open our eyes to see the wonders you provide. Open our hearts to care deeply about people in need. Awaken our generosity that we may be inspired to helpful action. Open our mouths to shout and sing together for joy, sharing the good news of salvation in our Lord and Savior, 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.

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

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes
Offertory *"No Thank We All Our God"* Johann Cruger
***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**

In-Gathering of Stewardship Pledges and Dedication *(see insert)*

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

Prayer Hymn #688 *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"* Verse 1
A Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Response #490 *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

Scripture Lesson Psalm 100
Matthew 25:31-40

Sermon *"You Are a Piece of the Puzzle"*

***Closing Hymn #724** *"Sing To The Lord of Harvest"*

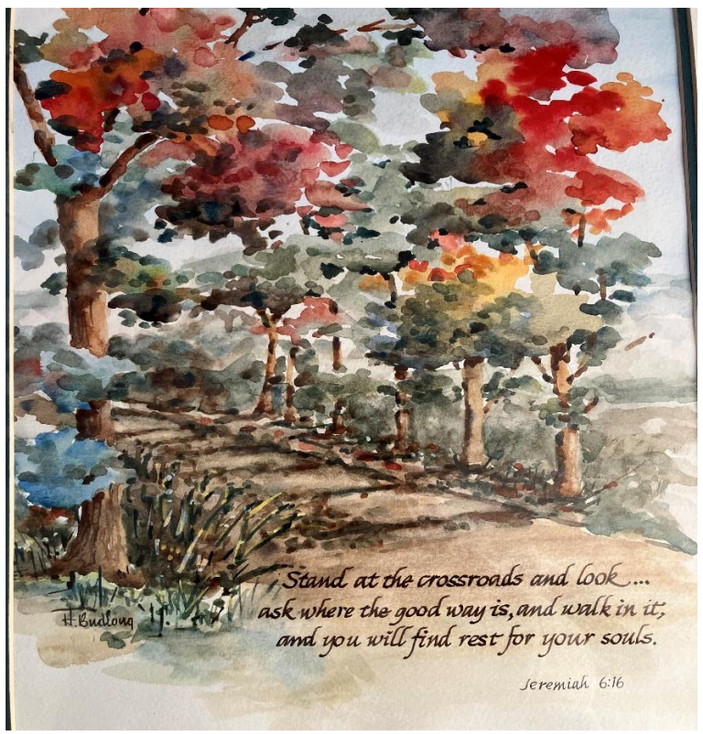
Postlude *"Sing To The Lord of Harvest"* Arr. Jan Sanborn



The flowers are given to the Glory of God

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: 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



~~ Picture painted by Joe Budlong. Thank you to Marilyn Drummond for sharing! ~~

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Please keep in Prayer …

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

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