



Oak Hills

PRESBYTERIAN

Longing to Know and Make Known
the Astonishing Grace of God

SUNDAY WORSHIP
October 6, 2024

Welcome!

We are glad you are with us today. Oak Hills is a church of broken people who have been redeemed, and astonished, by God's abundant and free grace offered in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In everything we do, we aim to unpack the greatness and implications of that gospel.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love the chance to get to know and follow up with you. Please scan this QR Code to fill out our Visitor Response Form (or fill out the tear-off contact card in the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering box in the back of the sanctuary). We trust that you will find Oak Hills to be a warm community of people eager to care for you. Let us know if you have any questions.



Request Prayer

The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." We would love to pray for you. Use this QR Code to share your prayer request with us (or use the tear-off contact card in the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering box in the back of the sanctuary).



Giving at Oak Hills

All that we have is from God (James 1:17). Our offerings are an expression of worship to God. They express thanksgiving, declare dependence on God, and demonstrate that God is more valuable to us than money. You can give your offering by placing it in the box in the back of the sanctuary or scan this QR Code to give online.



FOR YOUR REFLECTION

[Psalm 120] seems sharply personal, although in a pilgrim context it voices very well the homesickness of those who have settled among strangers and enemies. It appropriately begins the series in a distant land, so that we join the pilgrims as they set out on a journey...

From Derek Kidner, *Psalms 73-150*, pages 429-430.

God answers the psalmist's prayer not by changing his circumstances but by changing his perspective. To put it another way, God answers the psalmist's prayer not by delivering him from his problems but by delivering him from himself.

From J. Stephen Yuille, *Longing for Home*, page 23.

Exalt God's Astonishing Grace

PRELUDE

Anna Marstall

The Call to Worship
is God's invitation to
us. Biblical worship is
a dialogue with God
where he initiates,
calls, and draws us by
his grace and we
respond in praise,
humility,
thanksgiving, and
faith.

Congregation reads
bold print.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory
and strength!

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the
splendor of holiness!**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord sits enthroned as King forever!

**May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his
people with peace!**

We respond to God's
call with prayer,
inviting him to
minister to us.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Grant us, we pray,
to be grounded and settled in your truth
by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.
That which we know not, reveal;
that which is wanting in us, fill up;
that which we know, confirm;
and keep us blameless in your service;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery
'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
Be Thou My Vision
(LYRICS ON PAGES 6-7)

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

WORDS AND MUSIC: MATT PAPA, MATT BOSWELL AND MICHAEL BLEEKER (2013)

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in his suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law — in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord — he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

WORDS & MUSIC: LOUISA M. R. STEAD (1882)

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know thus saith the Lord

Chorus:

Jesus Jesus how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus Jesus precious Jesus
O for grace to trust Him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to trust His cleansing blood
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing cleansing flood

Chorus

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus
Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest and joy and peace

Chorus

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus Savior Friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end

Chorus

BE THOU MY VISION

WORDS: DALLAN FORGAILL (8TH CENTURY), TR. MARY BYRNE (1905),
ARR. ELEANOR HULL (1912), MUSIC: TRADITIONAL IRISH FOLK TUNE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Encounter God's Astonishing Grace

Confession is a normal and essential part of our relationship with God. Humility and honesty about our sin is welcome and safe in the presence of God. See Psalm 51:17; Isaiah 57:15; & 1 John 1:9.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion; you are gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken; give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

Silent Confession

The Good News of
Jesus Christ is that we
are forgiven of our sin
by faith in Christ's
substitution for us on
the cross.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 13:38, Ephesians 1:7-8

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you:
In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness
of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he
lavished upon us.

Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

(LYRICS ON PAGE 10)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

JOYFUL NOISE! YOUTH CHOIR

Make A Joyful Noise

WORDS: PSALM 100:1

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with thanksgiving.

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

WORDS AND MUSIC: SANDRA MCCRACKEN AND JOSHUA MOORE (2015)

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
O God of Jacob be my strength

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

Chorus 2x

Know God's Astonishing Grace

We believe the Scriptures are given by inspiration of God to be the rule of faith and life. If you are able, we invite you to stand in honor of God's Word.

The Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a powerful means of nourishing and comforting God's people, and awakening people to new faith.

After the Scripture reading, children ages 4-8 are dismissed to go to Promiseland, our children's church program. If you are visiting with us, you are more than welcome to escort your child downstairs to see the classroom and meet the teacher. Of course, you are also welcome to have your children sit with you through the service.

SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 120

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹ In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.
- ² Deliver me, O LORD,
from lying lips,
from a deceitful tongue.
- ³ What shall be given to you,
and what more shall be done to you,
you deceitful tongue?
- ⁴ A warrior's sharp arrows,
with glowing coals of the broom tree!
- ⁵ Woe to me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
that I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
- ⁶ Too long have I had my dwelling
among those who hate peace.
- ⁷ I am for peace,
but when I speak, they are for war!

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE - Pastor John Lee

Psalms of Ascent: The Journey Home

Peace

A Great Distress

Questions for Further
Study or Group
Discussion:

1. Read Psalm 120. In brief, how does the collection of the 15 Psalms that make up the Psalms of Ascent (Song of Ascents) relate to us today?
2. What is the psalmist's distress? Have you ever been hurt or felt trapped by someone else's negative words about you?
3. What is the psalmist's simple response to his distress? What is often your first response in moments of distress?
4. Does God answer the psalmist's prayer in the way you might expect? What is God teaching us to grasp about Himself and ourselves in how He answers here in Psalm 120?
5. In what ways does Psalm 120 point us to Christ and the gospel?

Call Upon the Lord

The Lord's Answer

**Memory Verse of the
Week:**

1 Peter 2:23-24 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (ESV)

Experience God's Astonishing Grace

Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a symbolic meal for Christians. As part of our preparation to receive the bread and the cup, we profess our hope in Christ out loud. We join with Christians throughout history and the world in making such a profession.

In his Last Supper before crucifixion, Jesus commanded his followers to "do this in remembrance of me." The broken bread and the cup represent Christ's broken body and shed blood for the sake of our salvation. By partaking of the bread and cup, you are proclaiming hope in this salvation and, by faith, enjoy fellowship with Christ (see 1 Cor. 10:16). The bread and cup are signs and seals of God's covenant promises to forgive our sin and make us new in Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell.**

The third day He arose again from the dead;

**He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church*;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**"the holy catholic church" refers to the universal church in all places, at all times*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

O Worship The King
(LYRICS ON PAGE 14)

SONG OF RESPONSE

Old Hundredth

WORDS: WILLIAM KETHE (1561)

MUSIC: LOUIS BOURGEOIS "OLD HUNDREDTH" (1551)

Indeed, the Lord our God is good
His mercy is forever sure
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure
Amen

O WORSHIP THE KING

WORDS: WILLIAM KETHE (1561), ALT. ROBERT GRANT (1833)
MUSIC: JOSEPH MARTIN KRAUS (1785), ARR. WILLIAM GARDINER (1815)
CHORUS WORDS AND MUSIC: CHRIS TOMLIN (2004)

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, and canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Chorus:

You alone are the matchless King,
To you alone be all majesty!
Your glories and wonders, what tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air, you shine in the light!

O measureless might! Ineffable love!
While angels delight to worship above;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Chorus

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Chorus

Go and Make Known God's Astonishing Grace

God has blessed us by
graciously inviting us
to worship and by
reminding us of his
astonishing grace in
Jesus Christ. We end
our service with a
reminder of God's
promises to bless us
throughout our week.

SONG OF DEPARTURE

The Solid Rock

WORDS: EDWARD MOTE (1834), MUSIC: WILLIAM BRADBURY (1863)

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

His oath, his covenant, his blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Chorus 2x

All that we have is
from God (James
1:17). Our offerings
are an expression of
worship to God. They
express thanksgiving,
declare dependence
on God, and
demonstrate that
God is more valuable
to us than money.
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of the sanctuary or
give online
at oakhillspca.com.

BENEDICTION

Ministry Highlights

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting Oak Hills (in person or virtually) we're glad you are with us! [Use this form to introduce yourself to us](#) or fill out a visitor slip found at the back of the bulletin.

FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY

Adult Christian Education Class - New Class Starting October 20, 9:30am

Jesus sent His disciples out to make disciples, and part of that charge was to "teach them to observe all that I have commanded you." We will be looking at some of those commands and discussing what they mean for us as we seek to follow Him. Taught by Woody Jeffrey.

Joyful Noise! Oak Hills Youth Choir - Sundays, 10:10am (Between Sunday School & Worship Service)

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to learn more about Jesus while developing their voices and soaking up rich theological truths found in hymns and songs of worship. No musical background needed.

Church Work Day - Saturday, October 12, 10am (Come whenever you are able!)

Church Collective - Wednesday, October 23, 5:30-7:30pm at Church

Annual Harvest Party - Saturday, October 26, 4:30-7pm (Invite Friends!)

Join us for a family-friendly night filled with a Chili Cook-Off, Trunk or Treat, inflatables, and more. We need Chili Cook-Off contestants and decorated cars for our Trunk or Treat. If you are interested in ways to help or get involved, please let [Pastor John](#) know or sign up in Breeze.

FOR THE MEN

BBQ & Football Event - Monday, October 7, 6pm at Stew Terry's

The Chief's game starts at 7:15 PM CST. Stay for any or all of the game. Ribs & pulled pork will be served; feel free to bring a side and/or your choice of beverage. RSVP to [Stewart Terry](#) for gate entrance.

Men's Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evenings, 6:30-7:30pm at Church

Contact [Kirby Ingles](#) for more information. Next meets on October 9.

Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7am at [Brew Haha Coffeehouse](#)

Contact [Alex Keimach](#) for more information. Next meets October 17.

Men's Friday Morning Bible Study - Fridays, 6:30am at [Panera](#)

Studying the book of John. Contact [Roy Heinbach](#) for more information.

FOR THE WOMEN

Bible Study - October 9 & 10, Meets Every Other Week, Weds. 9:30-11:30am & Thurs. 7:30-9pm

A study on the *I Am Statements* of Jesus. Weds. at [Schwabauer's](#) or Thurs. at [Call's](#). Contact [Alexa Troyer](#).

FOR THE YOUTH

OH, Youth! - Wednesday, October 9, 6:30-8pm at Church

KID360 - Wednesday, October 9, 6:30-7:30pm at Church

Getting to Know the Catechisms of the Church

The Westminster Larger (WLC) and Shorter (WSC) Catechisms are useful tools for the church. They summarize essential truths taught in Scripture. Each week we highlight different questions and answers. Let these brief summaries assist you to delight in God's works and study them more closely.

WLC Q. 12. What are the decrees of God?

A. God's decrees are the wise, free, and holy acts of the counsel of his will,^x whereby, from all eternity, he has, for his own glory, unchangeably foreordained whatsoever comes to pass in time,^y especially concerning angels and men.

x. Isa. 45:6-7. Eph. 1:11. Rom. 11:33. Rom. 9:14-15, 18. y. Ps. 33:11. Isa. 14:24. Acts 2:23. Acts 4:27-28. Rom. 9:22-23. Eph. 1:4, 11.

The catechism is moving us from who God is (WLC 7-11) to what God does (WLC 12-90). It all begins in eternity past, even before time is created. God made a plan for "whatsoever comes to pass in time." The catechism calls these plans the "decrees of God" for they emphasize the certainty of the outcome, even calling them "acts of the counsel of his will." God's plans never fail. God declares in Isaiah 55:11, "So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Notice some details about God's decrees. First, they are wise, free, and holy. God's decrees are wise, free, and holy because God himself is wise, free, and holy. Paul explains God's freedom to do as he wills in Romans 9:14-15, and 18. God is not constrained by anyone or anything. And then, after plumbing the depths of God's plans of election and salvation, Paul extols God in Romans 11:33, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!" Paul acknowledges that God's wisdom exceeds human wisdom.

Second, the catechism says God "has, for his own glory, unchangeably foreordained whatsoever comes to pass in time." God accomplishes his plans by foreordaining all that comes to pass. Paul explains in Ephesians 1:11 that God "works all things according to the counsel of his will." In Psalm 33:11, the psalmist emphasizes that God's plans do not change, "The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations." Even the greatest evil act of all human history, the crucifixion of Jesus, was foreordained. Peter prays in Acts 4:27-28, "There were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place."

Does this make God the author of sin? Are we merely robots then? The Confession of Faith wisely answers these common questions: "God, from all eternity, did, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely, and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass: yet so, as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures; nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established" (WCF 3.1).

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Financial Update	General Fund Offerings	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Building Fund
June 2024	\$20,627	\$27,179	\$26,487	-
June YTD	\$128,565	\$158,664	\$158,922	\$500

YOU'RE UP! See if you are on an Oak Hills Crew next Sunday.

October 13, 2024

Sunday Setup: Mason Welsh

Greeters: Roy Heinbach, Colton Stallard

Nursery: Michael Buckley, Hannah Thiele, Olivia Welhoff

Outdoor Team: Kirby Ingles, Jason Mauk

Prayer: Alex Keimach

Promiseland: Lydia Heinbach, Bret Willoughby

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the space below.

I/We would like:

- to talk to a pastor about becoming a Christian
- to join Oak Hills
- info on Sunday School
- info on Children's Ministries
- a call from the pastor (Best time: _____)
- info on Discovering Oak Hills Seminar
- info on Life Groups
- info on Student Ministries
- info on Men's Ministries
- info on Women's Ministries
- other: _____
- Check if you do not want to receive emails from Oak Hills

Thanks for Visiting Us Today!
We are glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out this card and help us to know and serve you better. Just drop it in the offering box in the back of the sanctuary.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Children (Name/Age/Grade): _____

How did you learn of us? _____

Please check all that apply:

- Youth
- 18-21
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50+
- First time guest
- Repeat guest
- Regular attender
- Member

THIS WEEK AT OAK HILLS

October 7-13

Monday, October 7

Men's BBQ & Football Event @ 6pm at Stewart Terry's

Tuesday, October 8

Session Meeting @ 7:30pm, Location TBD

Wednesday, October 9

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am at Grace Schwabauer's

Men's Bible Study @ 6:30pm at Church

Kid360 @ 6:30-7:30pm at Church

OH, Youth! @ 6:30-8pm at Church

Thursday, October 10

Women's Bible Study @ 7:30pm at Eleanor Call's

Friday, October 11

Men's Bible Study @6:30am at Panera

Saturday, October 12

Church Workday @ 10am at Church

Sunday, October 13

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Joyful Noise! Youth Choir @ 10:10am

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am;

Genesis: Foundations for Life: *Creation Reversed*, Genesis 7:1-24, Pastor Dale Preaching

(In-Person and Live Stream),

The Lord's Supper Served



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