



Oak Hills

PRESBYTERIAN

**Longing to Know and Make Known
the Astonishing Grace of God**

SUNDAY WORSHIP
January 26, 2025

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

The builders of the tower of Babel choose to make a name for themselves in opposition to God rather than embrace the name that God gave them. In Augustine's terms, they turn away from the "common" good of the love of God and embrace the "private" good of self-love. They seek to define their own reality, their own understanding of success.

But Babel is not an isolated event, as its biblical metamorphosis into "Babylon" indicates. Babel stood—and still stands today—as a type of the earthly city, in rebellion against God.

The famous painting of the Tower of Babel by Pieter Bruegel the Elder (c. 1563) weaves together motifs from throughout human history, including the Roman Colosseum, to show that the Babel instinct is ever present in fallen humanity.

From Christopher Watkin, *Biblical Critical Theory: How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture*, pages 210-211.

Exalt God's Astonishing Grace

PRELUDE

AJ Harbison

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 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like
the eagle's.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love.

**Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pastor John Lee

SONGS OF PRAISE

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Come Thou Fount

(LYRICS ON PAGES 6-7)

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

WORDS AND MUSIC: MATT REDMAN AND JONAS MYRIN (2011)

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus 2x

COME THOU FOUNT

WORDS: ROBERT ROBINSON (1758), MUSIC: JOHN WYETH (1813)

Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise his name I'm fixed upon it
Name of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by thy help I'm come
And I hope by thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed his precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for thy courts above

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.

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.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving heavenly Father, we have wild and rebellious hearts.
We claim to value your wisdom above our own,
but we are weak and blinded by our own sin.
When you walk us through frightening valleys,
we quickly turn aside like foolish sheep to comfort ourselves with sin,
instead of believing that you love us
and will always provide what we need.
Though you satisfy our souls with good things,
we have little appetite for the feast to which you call us.
Our desire for your Word is weak;
we do not love worshiping with your people as we should;
our hearts are without affection for you;
our minds are easily captivated by temptations
that dazzle us far more than your love amazes us,
and even our repentance is tinged with pride and selfishness.
Father, forgive us and have mercy on us in our great weakness.
Thank you for your endless patience with your wandering children.
In the name of Jesus, who is both the sinless Lamb of God
and the Great Shepherd who gave his life for us, Amen.

Silent Confession

SONG OF CONFESSION

Agnus Dei

WORDS: TRADITIONAL (7TH CENTURY), MUSIC: AJ HARBISON (2009)

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
Grant us peace

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substitution for us on
the cross.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ezekiel 36:25-26, 28

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

His Glory And My Good

(LYRICS ON PAGE 10)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD

WORDS AND MUSIC: JONNY ROBINSON, RICH THOMPSON AND BEN FIELDING (CITYALIGHT) (2024)

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold him the more he satisfies
When I gaze upon his beauty, when I see him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward for his glory and my good

There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards him and help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus on the road not understood
For I know that he is working for his glory and my good

Chorus

To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know his glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me it was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that he has saved me for his glory and my good

Chorus

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise him for his glory and my good

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 - Genesis 11:1-9

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." ⁵ And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷ Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." ⁸ So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE - Pastor Dale Thiele
Genesis: Foundations for Life
The Nations Rebel

Man Being Man

Questions for
Further Study or
Group Discussion:

1. Read Genesis 11:1-9. What catches your attention from this passage? Why?
2. Why do the people want to build a city and the tower? What motivates them?
3. What parallels are there between this story and the story of the Fall in Genesis 3?
4. In what ways do pride and fear relate to an anti-God state of mind?
5. How does God respond? How is mercy mingled with the judgment?
6. Some have said that Pentecost is the reversal of Babel. Why would they say this? What changes so that God would unite people in one language again?

God Being God

**Memory Verse of
the Week:**

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
(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

Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Jesus I Come

(LYRICS ON PAGE 14)

SONG OF RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

WORDS: THOMAS KEN (1674), MUSIC: LOUIS BOURGEOIS (1551)

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

JESUS I COME

WORDS: WILLIAM SLEEPER (1887), MUSIC: GREG THOMPSON (2000)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
Into thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my sickness into thy health,
Out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of thy cross,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of thy home,
Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to thee.

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

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

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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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

ACE Class - Sundays @ 9:30am

Jesus charged his disciples to make other disciples, specifically by "teaching them all that I have commanded." We'll be taking a look at this using the Westminster Shorter Catechism, and exploring how you can use the whole counsel of God to go deeper in your faith.

Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, February 2, Noon

Plan to join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness to Oak Hills and look ahead to what God has in store for us in the new year. The elders will touch on ministry opportunities, building updates, church planting, and the new budget. A light lunch will be provided.

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.

FOR THE MEN

Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7am at [Brew Haha Coffeehouse](#)

Next meets February 13. Contact [Alex Keimach](#) for more information.

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

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

Bowling & Pizza Night - Sunday, February 2, 6-7:30pm at [Bowlero](#) (10201 College Blvd., Overland Park)

Men, mark your calendars for a fun night of bowling, pizza & fellowship! We have 3 lanes reserved for 1.5 hours of unlimited bowling, along with unlimited pizza & soft drinks.

FOR THE WOMEN

Bible Study - Starting January 29 & 30

Join us for "A Study of Faith and Practice" a Bible study on Ephesians. Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am at the home of [Grace Schwabauer](#) or Thursdays from 7:30-9:00pm at the home of [Emily Buck](#). For more information please reach out to [Alexa Troyer](#).

FOR THE YOUTH

KID360 - Wednesday, January 29, 6:30-7:30pm at Church

OH, Youth! - Wednesday, January 29, 6:30-8pm at Church

Join Us in Longing to Know and Make Known the Astonishing Grace of God

THE VISION OF OAK HILLS

"...that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified."

Isaiah 61:3

Be a part of what God is doing at Oak Hills. He calls us "oaks," which means we are...

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL

Sunday Mornings – The ordinary means of grace, the Word and Sacrament, in the context of weekly worship feeds us in God's grace.

Study the Bible with Others – Whether it is a men's or women's or age-specific study, or one of our Adult Christian Education classes, studying God's Word with brothers and sisters sharpens our understanding of the gospel.

GROWING IN COMMUNITY

Church Gatherings – God saves us into a community, his church. Know and be known in our community by coming to one of our regular gatherings.

Life Groups – Go deeper in knowing and being known by joining a Life Group for regular fellowship and prayer. Contact Pastor Dale (dalethiele@oakhillspca.com) for more info.

Membership – Members commit to be faithful contributors to the mission and vision of Oak Hills. The *Getting Acquainted Luncheon* is the first step toward membership (offered periodically). Contact Pastor Dale (dalethiele@oakhillspca.com) for more info.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Serve the Church – The church builds itself up when each part is serving and contributing. Look for ways to serve, whether volunteering with children's ministry, joining the worship team or serving in some other way.

Serve Your Community – You are an ambassador for Christ wherever you live or study or work. How can you love others well, meet needs, and share the gospel?

Communication is important for any relationship. We send weekly emails and periodic text message announcements. Contact Gerie Owens (gerieowens@oakhillspca.com) to sign up.

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. 31. With whom was the covenant of grace made?

A. The covenant of grace was made with Christ as the second Adam, and in him with all the elect as his seed.^y

WLC Q. 32. How is the grace of God manifested in the second covenant?

A. The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that he freely provides and offers to sinners a Mediator,^z and life and salvation by him;^a and requiring faith as the condition to interest them in him,^b promises and gives his Holy Spirit^c to all his elect, to work in them that faith,^d with all other saving graces;^e and to enable them unto all holy obedience,^f as the evidence of the truth of their faith^g and thankfulness to God,^h and as the way which he has appointed them to salvation.ⁱ

y. Gal. 3:16. Rom. 5:15. See verses 16–21. Isa. 53:10–11. Isa. 59:20–21. z. Gen. 3:15. Isa. 42:6. John 3:16. John 6:27. 1 Tim. 2:5. a. 1 John 5:11–12. b. John 3:16, 36. John 1:12. c. Isa. 59:21. Luke 11:13. John 14:16–20. 1 Cor. 12:13. Rom. 8:9. (see verses 4, 11, 14–16). d. 2 Cor. 4:13. 1 Cor. 12:3, 9. Eph. 2:8–10. Acts 16:14. 2 Pet. 1:1. e. Gal. 5:22–23. f. Ezek. 36:27. Eph. 2:10. g. James 2:18, 22. h. 2 Cor. 5:14–15. i. Eph. 2:10. Titus 2:14.

WLC 30 gave us the good news that God does not “leave all men to perish in the estate of sin and misery,” but he “brings [his elect] into an estate of salvation by the second covenant, commonly called the covenant of grace.” The following questions help us understand the Covenant of Grace.

First, Question 31 tells us that the covenant of grace is made with Christ. Just as Adam was appointed as a representative for the whole human race in the covenant of works, so Jesus is the representative for all those who will be saved in the covenant of grace (see Romans 5:15). This is good news, because only the unique God-man, Jesus Christ, can fulfill “the righteous requirement of the law” (Rom. 8:4). As we are “in Christ” by faith, we also receive the benefits of the covenant of grace.

Question 32 gives us a big picture of the blessings (i.e. “grace manifested”) of the covenant of grace. Perhaps bullet points will help distinguish the blessings:

- God gives Jesus as a Mediator between himself and sinners.
- Life and salvation come by the Mediator.
- God requires faith as the means to receive the Mediator's work but also gives the Holy Spirit to work that faith in all his elect.
- God enables his elect “unto all holy obedience,” which is evidence of their genuine faith and thankfulness.

In other words, God the Father *plans* the work of redemption through the covenant of grace. God the Son *accomplishes* the work of redemption through his work as Mediator (WLC 36ff will unpack this truth). And God the Spirit *applies* the work of redemption into the lives of the elect (WLC 58ff will unpack this truth). It is called the “covenant of grace” because everything for our salvation is provided by God's gracious work.

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| Financial Update | General Fund Offerings | Actual Expenses | Budgeted Expenses | Building Fund |
|------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Sept 2024 | \$19,798 | \$28,739 | \$26,487 | - |
| Sept YTD | \$191,175 | \$238,829 | \$238,383 | \$700 |

YOU'RE UP!

See if you are on an Oak Hills Crew next Sunday.

February 2, 2025

Greeters: Roy Heinbach, Colton Stallard

Nursery: Emily Buck, Lydia Heinbach

Prayer: Dale Thiele

Promiseland: Noel Heinbach, Jonathan Thiele

Sunday Set-Up: Roy McLellan

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

January 27-February 2

Monday, January 27

No Meetings

Tuesday, January 28

No Meetings

Wednesday, January 29

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Friday, January 31

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Saturday, February 1

No Meetings

Sunday, February 2

Sunday School for All Ages @ 9:30am
Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am; Psalms of Ascent:
The Journey Home: *Look Up*, Psalm 123, Pastor John
Preaching (In-Person and Live Stream),
The Lord's Supper Served

