



Oak Hills

PRESBYTERIAN

Longing to Know and Make Known
the Astonishing Grace of God

SUNDAY WORSHIP
November 9, 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 Visitor Card found on the Welcome Table in the lobby and place it in the box on the table). 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 Visitor Card on the Welcome Table and place it in the box on the table).



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

Whatever we want, it is God that withholds it, a sovereign Lord, most wise, holy, and just, that may do what he will with his own, and is debtor to no man, that never did, nor ever can do, any wrong to any of his creatures. The keys of the clouds, of the heart, of the grave, and of the womb, are four keys which God has in his hand, and which (the rabbis say) he entrusts neither with angels nor seraphim.

From Matthew Henry, as quoted in John Currid, *Genesis: EP Study Commentary*, Volume 2, page 92.

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 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We praise you for creating this world in all beauty,
for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord,
and for sending us the gift of your Spirit
to encourage, instruct, and sustain us.

We long for your Spirit to work among us now,
to inspire our praise,
to challenge us with your truth,
and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Psalm 34

His Glory And My Good

(LYRICS ON PAGES 6-7)

PSALM 34

WORDS: AJ HARBISON (ADAPTED FROM PSALM 34; 2017), MUSIC: AJ HARBISON (2017)

Come taste and see
The Lord is good
Blessed are those who take refuge in him
Oh fear the Lord
All you his saints
For those who fear him have all that they need
Even the mighty can hunger and want
But God provides for all his redeemed

Chorus:

I will bless the Lord at all times
His praise I will always be singing
My soul will magnify the Lord
And I will exalt his name

I sought the Lord
He answered me
He has delivered me from all my fears
I cried for help
He heard my plea
The troubles of men will no more trouble me
The life of his servants the Lord will redeem
Safe are all who take refuge in him

Chorus

The eyes of God
Are on his own
And he will hear them whenever they cry
Though great may be
Their suffering
His presence with them will lead them to praise
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
And those crushed in spirit he saves

Chorus 2x

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

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 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust you fully.
We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises,
and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.
You have given us a love
better than anything we could experience in this world,
but we do not seek it,
we do not hold on to it,
and we look to our own means of assurance and security.
Forgive us. Call us back to you,
that we may put our trust in you and not be afraid,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Isaiah 52:9-10

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Thanks be to God!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

It Is Well With My Soul

(LYRICS ON PAGE 10)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

New Song Church Plant

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

WORDS: HORATIO SPAFFORD (1873), MUSIC: PHILIP BLISS (1876)

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 29:31-30:24

³¹ When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³² And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." ³³ She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. ³⁴ Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. ³⁵ And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

^{30:1} When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" ² Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" ³ Then she said, "Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her." ⁴ So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. ⁵ And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. ⁶ Then Rachel said, "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan. ⁷ Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸ Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali.

⁹ When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. ¹⁰ Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. ¹¹ And Leah said, "Good fortune has come!" so she called his name Gad. ¹² Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. ¹³ And Leah said, "Happy am I! For women have called me happy." So she called his name Asher.

Know God's Astonishing Grace

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.

¹⁴ In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah.

Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes." ¹⁵ But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" Rachel said, "Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes." ¹⁶ When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night. ¹⁷ And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. ¹⁸ Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.

¹⁹ And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. ²⁰ Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun. ²¹ Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

²² Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. ²³ She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." ²⁴ And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May the LORD add to me another son!"

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Questions for Further
Study or Group
Discussion:

1. Read Genesis 29:31-30:24. What catches your attention from this passage? Why?
2. Place yourself in Leah's place. What affliction does she endure? What does she desperately want? How does God meet her need? Does she receive and rest in God alone for what she needs?
3. Place yourself in Rachel's place. What affliction does she endure? What does she desperately want? How does God meet her need? Does she receive and rest in God alone for what she needs?
4. Place yourself in Jacob's place. What affliction does he endure? What should he have done in this situation? How does God demonstrate his covenantal faithfulness to Jacob?
5. What does God do throughout this passage? Take note of the specific verbs that describe God's actions. In what ways does God demonstrate this same covenantal faithfulness to you?

Memory Verse of the
Week:

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.
(ESV)

MESSAGE - Rev. Dr. Dale Thiele
Genesis: Foundations for Life
Fruitful Competition

God's Covenantal Faithfulness to Leah in Her Mistreatment

God's Covenantal Faithfulness to Rachel in Her Infertility

God's Covenantal Faithfulness to Jacob in His Inactivity

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 Belgic Confession, Articles 20-21

What do you believe about the work of God?

We believe that God – who is perfectly merciful and also very just – sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.

And what do you believe about the work of Jesus Christ?

We believe that Jesus Christ presented himself in our name before his Father, to appease his wrath with full satisfaction by offering himself on the tree of the cross and pouring out his precious blood for the cleansing of our sins, as the prophets had predicted.

Why did he endure all this?

He endured all this for the forgiveness of our sins.

What comfort does this give you?

We find all comforts in his wounds and have no need to seek or invent any other means to reconcile ourselves with God than this one and only sacrifice, once made, which renders believers perfect forever.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Church's One Foundation
(LYRICS ON PAGE 15)

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

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

WORDS: SAMUEL J. STONE (1866), MUSIC: SAMUEL WESLEY (1864)

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

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
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God is more valuable
to us than money.
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BENEDICTION

Ministry Highlights

WELCOME VISITORS!

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FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

Weekly Prayer Time - Sundays, 10:15am

Join us weekly 10:15am to pray. Anyone can join us at the front of the sanctuary by the screen.

ACE Class - Sundays, 9:30am, Downstairs

Every Believer Confident: Apologetics for the Ordinary Christian. Join us for this introduction to apologetics as a means to encourage one another in sharing the Gospel. Practical discussion around case studies will help us put into practice what we learn. Led by Pastor Dale.

Spiritual Conversations: An Evangelism Training Conference - November 14-16 at Oak Hills

Mark your calendar to join us for this weekend training opportunity. Ted Powers, the director of the Midwest Alliance and church plant mentor, will be teaching on how to engage in spiritual conversations with unbelievers. Friday 6:30-8:30pm, Saturday 9am-Noon, Sunday Worship Service 10:30am.

Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner and Hymn Sing - Wednesday, November 19, 6:00-7:30pm

Join your church family for a delicious dinner and then a time for public testimonies of thanks and singing hymns. We will have a variety of smoked meats and desserts provided. You can fill out the meal by providing bread or a side dish (no obligation). Let's give thanks to the Lord for he is good!

FOR THE MEN

OH Man, Monday! - Monday, December 1, 7-8:30pm at [District Pour House + Kitchen](#)

Contact [Michael Buckley](#) for more information about this Bible study on the book of Ephesians.

Men's Friday Morning Bible Study - Meets Weekly, 6:30am at Panera (11401 College Blvd, OP)

Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study - November 19, 6:30am at [Odyssey Coffee](#)

FOR THE YOUTH

Kid360 - Wednesday, November 12, 6:30-7:30pm at Church

OH, Youth! - Wednesday, November 12, 6:30-8pm at Church

Joyful Noise! Oak Hills Youth Choir - Sundays at 10:10am

Oak Hills students ages 4-13 are invited to come "sing and make melody" to the Lord.

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. 80. Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?

A. Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavor to walk in all good conscience before him;^z may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God's promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made,^a and bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God,^b be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and shall persevere therein unto salvation.^c

WLC Q. 81. Are all true believers at all times assured of their present being in the estate of grace, and that they shall be saved?

A. Assurance of grace and salvation not being of the essence of faith,^d true believers may wait long before they obtain it;^e and, after the enjoyment thereof, may have it weakened and intermitted, through manifold distempers, sins, temptations, and desertions;^f yet are they never left without such a presence and support of the Spirit of God as keeps them from sinking into utter despair.^g

z. 1 John 2:3. Heb. 10:19–23. a. 1 Cor. 2:12. 1 John 3:14, 18–19, 21, 24. 1 John 4:13, 16. Heb. 6:11–12. b. Rom. 8:15–16. c. 1 John 5:13. Heb. 6:19–20. See 2 Pet. 1:5–11. d. Eph. 1:13. e. Isa. 50:10. Ps. 88:1–3, 6–7, 9–10, 13–15. f. Ps. 77:1–12. Ps. 51:8, 12. Ps. 31:22. Ps. 22:1. Eph. 4:30. Luke 22:31–34. g. 1 John 3:9. Ps. 73:15, 23. Isa. 54:7–10. 1 Pet. 4:12–14.

These two questions go together as they both address the issue of assurance of salvation. Q80 asks if true believers can be assured they are saved. The short answer is "yes." The fuller answer explains what that assurance is based on. First, our assurance is "grounded upon the truth of God's promises." Just as we do not save ourselves, we also do not "keep" ourselves. We trust in God. Second, the Spirit enables us to discern in ourselves "those graces" tied with our salvation. "Those graces" include the understanding of spiritual things (1 Cor. 2:12), keeping of his commandments (1 Jn. 2:3), and love for the brethren (1 Jn. 3:14). True believers can be assured of their salvation.

Q81 is a pastoral issue. Is assurance of salvation permanent for all believers? The short answer is "no." The longer answer starts by stating that assurance is not "of the essence of faith," that is, assurance is not a component of receiving and resting in Christ alone for salvation. Assurance comes after faith and may be "weakened and intermitted." The Catechism lists several causes that affect our assurance: "manifold distempers, sins, temptations, and desertions." These include, of course, our own sinfulness and God's providential "desertions." Jesus uses the words of Psalm 22:1 to express this feeling of desertion, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

The last line of the answer is key: "yet are they never left without such a presence and support of the Spirit of God as keeps them from sinking into utter despair." We hear God the Redeemer speak in Isaiah 54:8, "In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you." The contrast is stark: his anger is but for a moment, chastising us in our sin, but his love is everlasting, preserving us for eternal salvation. Therefore, even if you lack assurance of salvation, do not lose sight of the truth of God's promises. You stand by his grace.

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Financial Update	General Fund Offerings	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Building Fund
June 2025	\$23,158	\$26,070	\$28,549	\$200
June YTD	\$184,251	\$162,897	\$171,294	\$600

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

November 16

Greeters: Chris Ritter, Peter Schuellein

Nursery: Kristi Fender, Camille Harbison, Anna Marstall

Prayer: Dale Thiele

Promiseland: Noel Heinbach, Chris Ritter

Sunday Setup: Jason Mauk

THIS WEEK AT OAK HILLS

November 10-16

Monday, November 10

Deacon Meeting @ 7pm at Church

Tuesday, November 11

Session Meeting @ 7pm, Location TBD

Wednesday, November 12

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

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

Thursday, November 13

No Meetings

Friday, November 14

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

Spiritual Conversations @ 6:30-8:30pm at Church

Saturday, November 15

Spiritual Conversations @ 9am-Noon at Church

Sunday, November 16

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Joyful Noise! Youth Choir @ 10:10am

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am; *A Provocative Gospel*, John 3:16-21, 36; Ted Powers

Preaching, The Lord's Supper Served



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