



# Oak Hills

PRESBYTERIAN

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
February 10, 2019

# 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. In this gospel we encounter two powerful truths that shape our entire lives and relationship with God: we are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, and we are more accepted and loved than we ever dared hope. Our prayer is that these gospel truths would shape us into a community and fellowship worth joining. May you be satisfied in fresh ways today through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting with us today, we would love the chance to get to know you. Please fill out the tear-off contact card in the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. 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.

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In a world of controversy, injustice, uncertainty, and suffering, we need a Rock, a firm foundation, a shield, and protector. Jesus is that Rock and Scripture bears witness to his faithfulness, power, and presence. God calls his people to set aside Sundays as the "Lord's Day," in order to help us detox from the bombardment of the world throughout the week. This regular gathering is an opportunity to reorient our hearts, minds, and lives around the Rock of our salvation and to resist the despair that creeps in. I pray that you would be blessed as Christ is lifted up among us today.

–Pastor Dale

**FOR YOUR REFLECTION**

As a preacher and a trainer of preachers, I pray that we will see afresh in Acts the mighty work of our risen Lord through the Spirit; that seeing it, we will preach it; and that as his saving lordship is preached, Jesus will demonstrate his holy and gracious presence in his church, reaching out to the nations with his sovereign summons: 'Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other' (Isa. 45:22 NIV)."

From Dennis Johnson, *The Message of Acts in the History of Redemption*, Page xii from the preface.

**GATHERING SONG**

*Immortal Invisible*  
(LYRICS ON PAGE 4)

## IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

WORDS: WALTER CHALMERS SMITH (1867), MUSIC: WELSH FOLK TUNE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

# Exalt God's Astonishing Grace

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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.

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP** - From Psalm 148

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**

Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.

**Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. Praise the Lord!**

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

O God, in creation you fashion us in your image, in Christ you reveal to us your love, and through the Holy Spirit you welcome us into the fellowship of believers; we bow in gratitude before you.

We constantly distort your image, but still you restore it.

We daily betray your love, but still you extend it.

We often disrupt fellowship, but still you bless it.

Come unto us at this time and in this place, O Lord, that your image in us might be revealed, your love for us returned, and our fellowship in Christ renewed. Amen.

## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Rejoice In All Your Works (Psalm 104)*

*This Is My Father's World*

(LYRICS ON PAGES 6-7)

# REJOICE IN ALL YOUR WORKS (PSALM 104)

WORDS AND MUSIC: WENDELL KIMBROUGH (2014)

Every mouth that cries for food  
Every lung that yearns for breath  
Every eye that searches through the dark for light  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

## *Chorus:*

Oh rejoice in all your works  
King of heaven, King of earth  
Every creature you have made declares your praise  
We rejoice in all you've made  
God of all-sustaining grace  
With the mountains, sky and sea we sing your praise

Every tree that thirsts for rain  
Every bird that seeks its nest  
Every heart that waits in hope to be made glad  
All creation looks to you  
For its breath and for its food  
From the goodness of your hand we're satisfied

## *Chorus*

May the ponderings of my heart  
And the song upon my lips  
With the chorus of creation join in praise  
To the God who made all things  
To the Spirit who sustains  
To the Son who over all creation reigns

## *Chorus*

## **THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD**

WORDS: MALTBIE BABCOCK (1901), MUSIC: TRADITIONAL ENGLISH MELODY

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and around me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light and the lily white declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world; O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and heaven be one.

# Encounter God's Astonishing Grace

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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**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Confession*

## **SONG OF CONFESSION**

*Come Thou Fount*

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

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

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**

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

*Before The Throne Of God Above*

(LYRICS ON PAGE 10)

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION**

## **OFFERING**

*Thy Works Alone*

(LYRICS ON PAGE 11)

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.

## BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

WORDS: CHARITIE LEES BANCROFT (1863), MUSIC: VIKKI COOK (1997)

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on his hands  
My name is written on his heart  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the wrong within  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me  
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by his blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
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## THY WORKS ALONE

WORDS: HORATIUS BONAR (1871), ALT. AJ HARBISON (2016)  
MUSIC AND ADDITIONAL WORDS: AJ HARBISON (2016)

Thy works alone, not mine, O Christ,  
Speak gladness to my heart;  
They tell me all is done,  
They bid my fears depart.

Thy pains alone, not mine, O Christ,  
Can heal my wounded soul;  
Thy stripes, not mine, contain  
The balm that makes me whole.

### *Chorus:*

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
In you my sin-bound soul is free;  
You paid the debt I could not pay;  
And I will sing forevermore  
Of what Jesus has done for me.

Thy cross alone, not mine, O Christ,  
Has borne the crushing load  
Of sins that none could bear  
But the incarnate God.

### *Chorus*

Thy righteousness, not mine, O Christ,  
Alone can cover me;  
No righteousness avails  
Save that which is from thee.

### *Chorus 2x*

# Know God's Astonishing Grace

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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.

At the end of our Scripture reading, children grades K-2nd 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

### Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

Questions for Further  
Study or Group

Discussion:

1. Read Acts 1:1-11  
What stands out to you from this passage?
2. What in this passage is the same (in part) for us today as it was for the Apostles? What is different? How can we know this for sure?
3. Where in this passage are we particularly challenged, motivated, encouraged and even comforted (when we fail) in our own habits of evangelism?
4. What particular stumbling blocks stand in our way from sharing the gospel with those around us?
5. What does the good news of the life, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ mean to you personally?

**MESSAGE - Pastor Stephen Sprague**  
**Acts**  
**A Call to Witness**

Memory Verse of the  
Week:

**1 Peter 3:15**

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

(ESV)

# Experience God's Astonishing Grace

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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**

*Bread Of The World In Mercy Broken*  
(LYRICS ON PAGE 15)

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **BREAD OF THE WORLD IN MERCY BROKEN**

WORDS: REGINALD HEBER (1827) AND ZAC HICKS (2006), MUSIC: ZAC HICKS (2006)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken  
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed  
By whom the words of life were spoken  
And in whose death our sins are dead

Look on the heart by sorrow broken  
Look on the tears by sinners shed  
And be Thy feast to us the token  
That by Thy grace our souls are fed

Have mercy, have mercy  
Have mercy on us  
Have mercy, have mercy  
Have mercy on us

Here is mercy, here is mercy  
Here is mercy for us  
Here is mercy, here is mercy  
Here is mercy for us

So let us come to the feast of Jesus  
Let us eat of the Bread of Life  
Let us drink of the wine, His blood  
To talk and dine with Jesus Christ

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# Go and Make Known God's Astonishing Grace

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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**

*Benevolence Offering Received*

*My Jesus I Love Thee*

WORDS: WILLIAM FEATHERSTON (1864), MUSIC: ADONIRAM GORDON (1876)

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou has first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

## **BENEDICTION**

# Ministry Highlights

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## PRAYER SUMMIT

**Sunday, February 24, 6pm at Church**

Plan to join us for an evening of a fellowship meal, hymn singing, and prayer as we seek to deepen our prayer life as a community.

## SERVE YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

We have two urgent service opportunities. By serving in one of these ways you bless our church as we seek to make known God's astonishing grace. Contact Gerie Owens to volunteer.

**Nursery Ministry** - Help watch our youngest members during service every four-five weeks.

**Church Cleaning** - Serving on a once a month rotation, cleaning the church takes about an hour to prepare the building for Sunday services.

## SACRED ROAD MISSIONS TRIP - JUNE 15-22

Prayerfully consider joining us as we partner with Sacred Road Ministries on the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon. Each year this trip gives us the privilege to share the hope of the Gospel with a broken and lost people, and to help lay the groundwork for a church plant. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Dale (dalethiele@oakhillspca.com).

## FOR THE MEN

**Theology & Beer - This Monday, February 11, 8:30-10pm at Barley's (119th & Quivira)**

Join the men of Oak Hills for lively theological discussion and fellowship. Alternating Mondays.

## FOR THE WOMEN

**Social & Game Night - Friday, March 8, 6:30pm at Church**

Save the date for our next ladies' social! Bring an appetizer and a deck of cards. RSVP to Lianne Terry 913.669.3890 by March 1.

## FOR THE KIDS & YOUTH

**OH, Youth! & Kid360 – This Wednesday, February 13, 7pm at Church**

# This Week's Glimpse into the Shorter Catechism

Each week of 2019 we will take a brief look at one or two questions from the Westminster Shorter Catechism. To read previous weeks' briefs go to [oakhillpca.com/wsc](http://oakhillpca.com/wsc)

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. *The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.*

Q. 8. How does God execute his decrees?

A. *God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.*

After speaking briefly about the nature of God (Questions 4-6), the Catechism brings our attention to what God does. The "infinite, eternal, and unchangeable" God is never frustrated or confounded. Nothing limits him in what he does. Scripture affirms this in multiple ways:

**Psalm 33:11** *The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.*  
(cf. Is. 14:24)

**Ephesians 1:11** *In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will...*

What God plans, what God desires, what God designs, comes to pass. The Catechism uses the word "decrees" to speak about these scriptural truths. A decree is a statement of intention or will or plan of action. God decrees, or makes known, his purpose and it happens.

The follow up question asks how does God *do* his decrees, or bring them about. Following the lead of Scripture, the Catechism categorizes God's decrees under the works of creation and the works of providence (which are addressed, in turn, in the following questions). The ultimate decree, or purpose of God, is his own glory. He achieves this all-encompassing decree through his created works (Ps. 19:1-6) and through his providential care for creation and his people (Jn. 17:4; Rom. 11:33-36).

One common question related to God's decrees is about evil (often framed as "the problem of evil"). The Catechism does not address this question and we don't have the space in this context to answer it thoroughly. The short answer is, yes, God decrees everything that occurs, even evil, without becoming the agent or cause for sin. The most poignant example is the death of Jesus, of which Peter says, "this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23).

Our response is one of awe and humble trust in the God who "works all things" in our lives "according to the counsel of his will."

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 On sabbatical: Joel Call

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Financial Update	General Fund Offerings	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Expenses	Building Fund
Dec 2018	\$38,394	\$26,326	\$20,081	\$450
Dec YTD	\$223,865	\$236,210	\$240,972	\$4,800

## YOU'RE UP!

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

*February 17, 2019*

**Greeters:** Elena Heinbach, Natalie Heinbach

**Nursery:** Eleanor Call, Joel Call, Abby VandenHull, Andy VandenHull

**Promiseland:** Joe Morsman, Melanie Morsman

**Prayer:** Bill Burns

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the space below.

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*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 basket.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Children (Name/Age/Grade): \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did you learn of us? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*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

*February 11-17*

### Monday, February 11

Theology & Beer @ 8:30pm at Barley's (119th & Quivira)

### Tuesday, February 12

No Meetings

### Wednesday, February 13

OH, Youth! & Kid360 @ 7pm at Church

### Thursday, February 14

No Meetings

### Friday, February 15

Men's Bible Study @ 6:30 am at Panera Bread (11401 College Blvd.)

### Saturday, February 16

Men's Bible Study @ 7:30am at Blackdog Coffee House

### Sunday, February 17

Sunday School @ 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am; Hebrews: The Greatness of Christ: *Gardening for the Soul*, Hebrews 12:12-17, Pastor Dale Preaching

