



## Palm / Passion Sunday April 10, 2022 at 11:00 am

### Welcome to Oakmont Presbyterian Church!

*We are pleased to have you join us for worship today.  
So that you may feel at home with us, please note the following:*

**Visitor Parking** spaces may be found in the Dogwood Way parking lot and across the street in the Oak Ridge Condo upper and lower parking lots.

**The Nursery** is available for use as a cry room. Ask Ushers for directions.

**Large Print Bulletins** and **Children’s Worship bags** are available from the ushers.

To preserve the atmosphere of worship, **please turn off** all cell phones and other electronics.

**An asterisk (\*)** in the worship liturgy indicates that all may stand, if able.

**Service Dogs** are used by several of our members. Please do not pet them when harnessed.

**Hearing Assistance** - Our sanctuary has two options for those needing hearing assistance: **receivers with headphones** which are available from the AV Team at the soundboard and **Bluetooth/WiFi Assisted Listening System** for use with smartphones (headphones or earbuds required) or Bluetooth hearing aids. *To utilize the Bluetooth/WiFi system:* 1) join the sanctuary WiFi network – OPCAV; 2) enter the password Oak\$\$1522 3) on your smart phone download WaveCAST APP from the Google Play or Apple Store; 4) Open WaveCAST app and click on “Service Broadcast.” (If “Service Broadcast” is not listed, fully close the app and try again. Audio will start playing automatically upon selection.

### GATHERING IN FAITH

**Palm/Passion Sunday** - Worship celebrates Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem amidst the joyful welcome of His followers and surprise of many residents. This day is the beginning of Holy Week. Purple is the main liturgical color for the season signifying penitence and preparation. Today we use the word “*Hosanna!*” many times. “Hosanna,” is a cry for salvation, while, at the same time it is a declaration of praise. The older interpretations, “*please save*” or “*save now,*” are also a popular understanding based on *Psalms 118:25*.

Welcome

Palm / Passion Sunday

Steve Wilson

Please sign, pass and return Friendship Record pads during this time of announcements.

Trinity Chimes

*In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Palm Sunday Processional

OPC Children, Flute, Chancel Choir, Congregation

*Filled with Excitement (Mantos y Palmas)*

Rubén Ruiz Avila/arr. Alvin Schutmaat

*Filled with excitement, all the happy throng  
spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.*

*There in the distance they begin to see,  
riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.*

*From every corner a thousand voices sing  
praises to Him who comes in the name of God.*

*With one great shout of acclamation loud  
triumphant song breaks forth:*

*“Hosanna, hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the King!”*

*As in that entrance to Jerusalem,  
we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,  
to the living Savior who still calls today,  
asking us to follow Him with love and faith.*

*From every corner a thousand voices sing  
praises to Him who comes in the name of God.*

*With one great shout of acclamation loud  
triumphant song breaks forth:*

*“Hosanna, hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the King!”*

*From every corner a thousand voices sing  
praises to Him who comes in the name of God.*

*With one great shout of acclamation loud  
Triumphant song breaks forth:*

(The congregation is invited to join in singing:)

**“Hosanna, hosanna to the King!  
Hosanna, hosanna to the King!”**

- Rubén Ruiz Avila; trans Gertrude C. Suppe

Call to Worship

Ronnie Bailey

*Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!*

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

*Leader: Lo, your King comes to you;*

**People: triumphant and victorious is He,**

*Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,*

**People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

1. Come ye with - out the cit - y gate this day,  
 2. Hail him who comes to set the cap - tives free,  
 3. Come with re - joic - ing then your Lord to meet,

Join in the tu-mult of the fes - tive throng; Strew-ing your palms in welcome  
 Hail him who comes e-ter-nal life to bring; Sav - ior, Re-deem-er of the  
 Meet him with songs of praise and glad ac - claim; Bow down in lov-ing wor-ship

on His way, Greet ye the King of kings with shout and song.  
 world is he, Rul - er of earth and heav'n's e - ter - nal King.  
 at his feet, Bring-ing glad hom-age to his ho - ly name.

CHORUS in Unison

Join all and sing; his name de-clare! Let ev-'ry voice re-sound in

Ho-san - na! Praise ye the Lord!  
 joy - ous ac - cla - ma - tion! Join all and sing, Ho-san - na!

All Parts

Bless him who cometh to bring us sal - va - tion!

\*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing)

Steve Wilson

Prayer of Confession

Ronnie Bailey

**Holy God, as we anticipate hearing the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem two thousand years ago, we imagine putting ourselves with the crowd that sang His praises that day. But we know we would have turned against Him just a few days later. We are sinful creatures.**

....moment of silent prayer

***Merciful God, forgive us. Give us new hearts. Give us courage. Give us a glimpse of Your love for us in living the life given to us to live.***

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: If you are in Christ, you are a new creation. Go and sin no more.*

**People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Ministry of Music

OPC Children, Angie Thompson, Director

*Ride Through Jerusalem*

Michael Bedford

*Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, ride through the city today.*

*Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, palms spread along the way.*

*You bear a dear and precious load, making your way down a crowded road.*

*Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, ride through the city today.*

*Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, ride through the city today.*

*Ride through Jerusalem, little donkey, palms spread along the way.*

*You bear the Son of God, you see. He'll bear a cross for you and me.*

*Sing hosanna. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

- Michael Bedford

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Ronnie Bailey

Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:21-29

Pew Bible, OT, 565

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God!**

Time with the Children

Ronnie Bailey

The younger children leave for a time of age-appropriate learning.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:28-40

Pew Bible, NT, page 83

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*On Not Leaving It to The Stones*

Steve Crocco

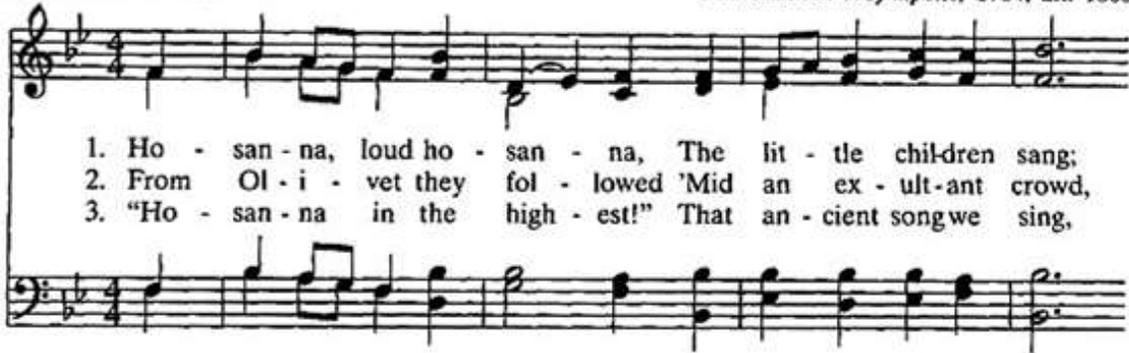
## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Response

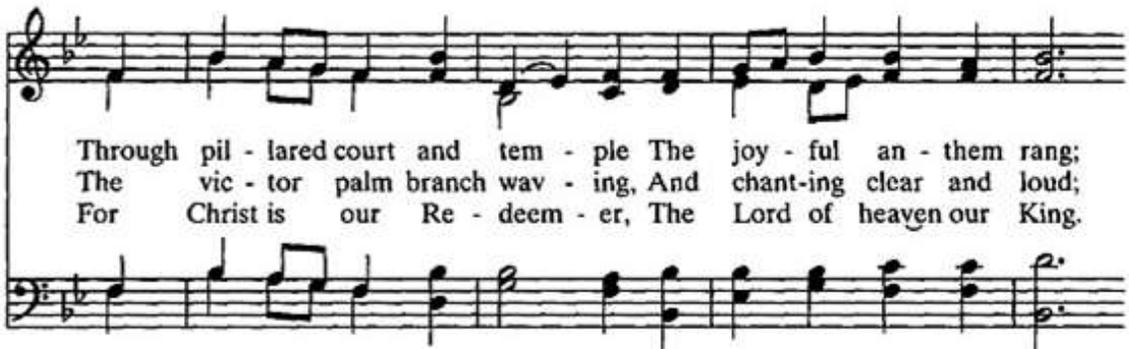
*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*



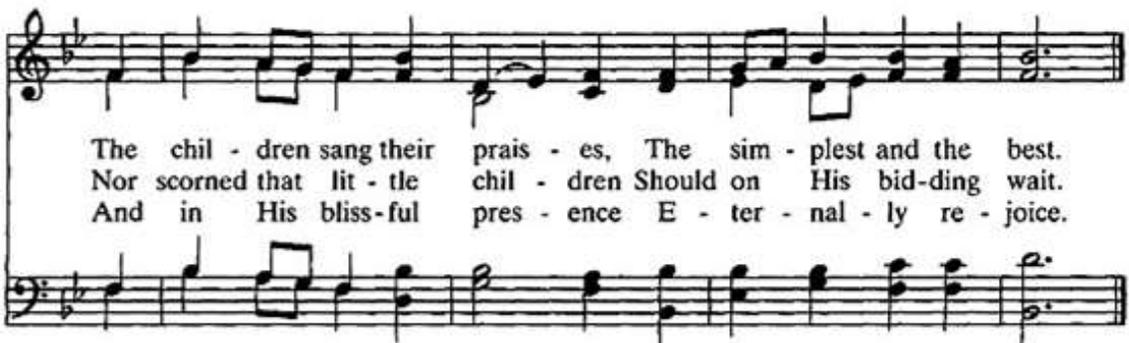
1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav - en our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Call to Offering

Steve Wilson

A Choral Offering

Chancel Choir

*Lift High Your Songs of Praise*

arrs. David Angerman and Joseph M. Martin

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!*

*Sing out with jubilation! Lift your adoration! Sing a glad hosanna!  
Lift high your songs of praise! Let all the people crown the King with glory!  
Lift up your heads, ye gates, you ever lasting doors declare the story!  
Wave palms of praise on high. Lay down your hearts before the Lord!  
Let glad hosannas ring for Jesus Christ is coming, is coming, is coming;  
for Jesus Christ is coming! Sing for joy!*

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!*

*Sing out with jubilation! Lift your adoration!*

*Sing a glad hosanna! Sing Hosanna!*

*Behold a bright new day, now David's Son rides on victorious.  
The palms begin to sway. How wonderful His name most glorious.  
The walls of Zion ring with songs of everlasting praise.  
This is the dawn of grace for Jesus Christ is coming,  
is coming, is coming; for Jesus Christ is coming! Sing for joy!*

*Jesus Christ is coming! Sing for joy!*

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!*

*Sing hosanna, hosanna!*

- Joseph M. Martin

\*Doxology

using tune: *OLD HUNDREDTH*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication

# SENDING INTO THE WORLD

\*Hymn of Dedication

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820  
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859

Melchior Teschner, 1614  
Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!



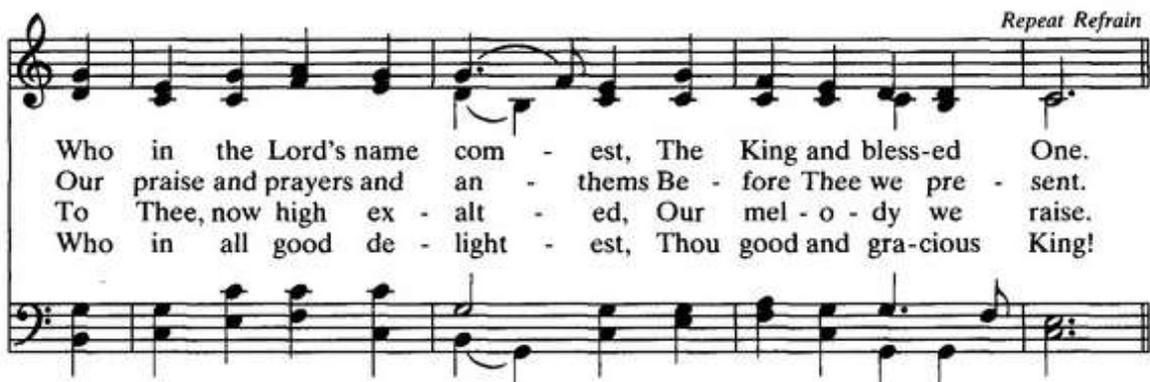
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

*Fine*



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;  
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless-ed One.  
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra-cious King!

\*Charge and Blessing

Steve Crocco

Postlude

*Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer!*

Organ

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Worship Next Sunday, April 17**, Easter Sunday/Festival of the Resurrection of the Lord. Steve Wilson will be preaching. His sermon is entitled *Lost and Found* and will be based on Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 and John 20:1-18.

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Hymns taken from:

- *The Presbyterian Hymnal – Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs*, 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**One Great Hour of Sharing** for over 70 years, One Great Hour has provided Presbyterians with a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, wars, hunger and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are:

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (PDA), receives 32% of funds raised - OPC supports PDA directly. However, funds collected by One Great Hour greatly add to those donations. PDA works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after devastation due to natural or human-caused disasters. PDA also supports refugees.
- **Presbyterian Hunger Program** (PHP), receives 36% of amount raised. PHP takes action to alleviate hunger and works to reduce poverty that leads to hunger.
- **Self-Development of People** (SDOP) invests in communities responding to their experience of oppression, poverty and injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. SDOP receives 32% of funds raised.

One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes are available in the pews through Easter.

No **Chancel Flowers** during Lent. Available dates will resume with May 1, 8, 15, 22..

**Your OPC Family Cares About You!** Because there are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member (mstecik@oakmontpresby.org) so we may support you in your time of need. You are loved!

**Prayer Requests** - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: prayers@oakmontpresby.org or contact Carol Heimerich at 412.242.1028.

**OPC Film Series** - Join us at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Brochures are available in the vestibules. **April 22 - Richard Jewell** **May 6 - Harriet**

**Please continue to support our local food banks** through the Deacon's outreach. Donations can be placed in the shopping carts located in the vestibules. Some **especially needed items are: healthy cereals, flour, sugar, cooking oil, spaghetti sauce and toilet paper.**

The Christian Education Committee will be putting on a community "Post-Easter Celebration!" on **Saturday, April 23 from 11:30-1:30**. There will be a community Easter Egg Hunt to start, followed by different activity stations that kids are invited to explore. Invite your family and friends! All are welcome.

**Becoming a Part of the OPC Family of Faith New Member Gathering** – We at OPC are a diverse group of people who find meaning in gathering together for worship, study and service. Gatherings for those interested in becoming a part of the OPC family of faith will be **Sundays, April 24, May 1 and 8 from 9:30 am – 10:30 am in the Marie Berg Chapel**. **New members will be received during worship on Sunday, May 15 during the 11:00 am worship service**. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Steve Wilson at [swilson@oakmontpresby.org](mailto:swilson@oakmontpresby.org) or through the church office at 412.828.5770.

The Deacons are collecting T-shirts in April for the Light of Life Ministries. please use the bin at the 5<sup>th</sup> entrance. Thank you for 11 pairs of "like new" jeans donated in March.

**We express our sympathy** to family and friends of Jody Dickinson who passed on April 5.



## LENT / HOLY WEEK / EASTER 2022

**Lent is a season of 40 days** in which we give God our permission to work in us. That can happen at any time of the year, but, in Lent, the church makes a concentrated effort. Group energy is generated when spiritual kin are making the same journey in an environment of openness to God. What the benefit will be is really an unknown part of the Lenten journey...except for what we see in Scripture - people in Jesus' presence were often changed for the good: accepted, healed, reconciled, course-corrected - in a word, transformed.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 14 at 7:00 pm**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated  
Steve Wilson, preaching, *Love In-deed*  
Ministry of Music: Chancel Choir

### **GOOD FRIDAY – April 15 at 8:00 pm**

7:40 pm - *Prelude for Good Friday* (organ)

8:00 pm - *Service of Tenebrae*

A dramatic service of shadows, darkness, scripture and music that enables participants to reflect deeply on the events of Christ's last week leading to the crucifixion.

Led by the Chancel Choir and Lay Readers, with an instrumental ensemble

### **EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17 at 11:00 am**

Festival of the Resurrection of The Lord

Steve Wilson, preaching, *Lost and Found*

Ministry of Music: Chancel Choir, Hillsdale Brass, percussion and organ

Childcare will be available during worship in the nursery.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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| <b>TODAY</b>     | <b>April 10 – Palm / Passion Sunday</b>  |
| 9:30 am          | Elementary Sunday School (Upper Level)   |
| 9:30 am          | Adult Coffee & Conversation (Multipurpose Room)  |
| 10:00 am         | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  |
| 10:15 am         | Palm Sunday Children’s Rehearsal (Sanctuary)   |
| <b>11:00 am</b>  | <b>WORSHIP</b> (Sanctuary) <b>and Via Livestream</b><br>and Children during worship (PreK–2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) |
| 12:00 pm         | Youth Gathering  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>April 11</b>  |
| 12:00 pm         | AA’s (Multi-Purpose Room)  |
| 7:00 pm          | Boy Scouts Troop #854 (Multi-Purpose Room)   |
| 7:15 pm          | JuBELLation Ringers Rehearsal (Choir Room)   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>April 12</b>  |
| 4:30 pm          | Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Lower Level)   |
| 7:00 pm          | Our Journey Without Them (Marie Berg Chapel)   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>April 13</b>  |
| 10:00 am         | Women’s AA (Dining Room)   |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>April 14 – Maundy Thursday</b>  |
| 4:45 pm          | Cherub Choir (Lower Level)   |
| <b>7:00 pm</b>   | <b>WORSHIP &amp; COMMUNION</b> (Sanctuary)   |
| 8:00 pm          | NA’s (Dining Room)   |
| 8:05 pm          | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>April 15 – Good Friday</b> (Church Office closes at Noon)   |
| <b>12:00 pm</b>  | <b>Good Friday Community Worship</b> (Longwood at Oakmont)   |
| 7:40 pm          | Prelude for Good Friday @ OPC (Organ)  |
| <b>8:00 pm</b>   | <b>Service of Tenebrae</b> (OPC Sanctuary)   |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>April 16</b>  |
| 8:30 pm          | AA’s (Dining Room)   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>April 17–Easter Sunday/Festival of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>   |
| 9:30 am          | Easter Brass Rehearsal (Sanctuary)   |
| 10:00 am         | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  |
| <b>11:00 am</b>  | <b>WORSHIP</b> (Sanctuary) <b>and Via Livestream</b><br>and Children during worship (PreK–2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) |
| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>April 18</b> (Church Office Closed)   |
| 12:00 pm         | AA’s (Multi-Purpose Room)  |
| 7:00 pm          | Boy Scouts Troop #854 (Multi-Purpose Room)   |
| 7:15 pm          | JuBELLation Ringers Rehearsal (Choir Room)   |

### **OPC STAFF**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson | Pastor                                    |
| The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco | Associate Pastor                          |
| Michael P. Frank, III       | Director of Music Ministries/Organist     |
| Ronnie Bailey               | Education Director for Children and Youth |
| Maureen Stecik              | Program Staff Assistant                   |
| Buster Harper               | Custodian                                 |
| Tracy Messenger             | Financial Secretary of Accounting         |
| Marge Kuhn                  | Financial Secretary of Contributions      |
| Roberta Erickson            | Handbell Choir Director                   |
| Ron Burkert                 | AV Team Coordinator                       |

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**Plan to join us for the  
22nd Annual Jubilant Praise Concert  
Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 4:00 pm**

**The Carnegie Brass will return,  
along with the Chancel Choir, Piano and Organ**

**Theme: *Homeward Bound* -**

**A musical journey of sacred and patriotic selections,  
exploring the many aspects of *Home*.  
And we continue the tradition of the armed forces medley  
to recognize those who serve/served our country.**

**Additional Parking** may be found across the street in the  
Oak Ridge Condo (opposite corner from the church) in both parking lots  
- upper and lower (limited number of spaces).

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