

Easter Poem

This Fourth Week of Lent, I want to share with you an Easter poem written by my father, Rudolph Nelson Hill, Poet Laureate of Oklahoma, and published in The Christian on April 18, 1965. It is entitled "Easter, Holy White."

Easter, Holy White

The darkest hour before the dawn,
How white star-prints of saint-feet gone,
The white-cap waves Christ walked upon!

As white as mist of Galilee
Is lily, plum, pear fragrancy,
A holy white the dogwood tree!

So brilliant pearled the book of night,
So sacred is a faith alight;
It turns my sins from scarlet white.

White glory of the risen Lord,
Eclipsing Eden's flaming sword,
Gives flesh again to living word.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Randy

I will be in Indianapolis, IN, for a Men's Discipleship Council meeting from Fri, March 20th through Sunday, March 22nd. Rev. Jim Ellis will be preaching in my stead at WOCC on Sunday, March 22nd.

Pastor Randy

Board and Congregation meetings needed. The Admin committee has determined it has issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Board and the Congregation. Therefore, the following are now scheduled:

Board Meeting	March 29, 12:15pm	Room 117
Congregation Meetings	April 12, End of both services	Schwind Hall and Sanctuary respectively

Help again!! Your church is in great need of WOCC members to volunteer to assist leadership and committee positions helping provide direction and oversight of the church over the next few years. Assistance is also needed to ensure our committees are staffed to continue their services to the members.

Of most current importance is someone to fill the vacant Vice Chairperson position. This member would serve in a leadership position on the Committee and Board and would then assume the Congregation Chairperson position at the beginning of the new church year, July 1, 2026.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Please refer any questions to Mike Merry or to any member of the Admin Committee.

Mike Merry

A Generous Gift for Our Music Ministry

Western Oaks Christian Church has recently—and quite unexpectedly—received a truly remarkable gift for our music ministry, and we are delighted to share this wonderful news with the congregation.

Wilmont Place Baptist Church in south Oklahoma City has generously donated nearly **400 choral anthems** to our church's music library. This extraordinary gift is a tremendous blessing and will enrich the worship life of our congregation. These anthems represent a valuable resource which will support our choir, enhance our worship services, and provide new opportunities for meaningful music ministry.

We are deeply grateful to Wilmont Place Baptist Church for their kindness, generosity, and support of sacred music in the life of the church. Their willingness to share these materials is a beautiful example of Christian partnership and faithful stewardship, and we give thanks for their thoughtfulness.

In appreciation, Western Oaks Christian Church will be sending a monetary donation along with our heartfelt thanks as a small token of gratitude for this incredible gift. Please join us in giving thanks for this generous act and for the many ways God continues to provide for the ministry of music at Western Oaks.

A special word of thanks also goes to **Lynda Gervais, Nita Twyman, Rev. Jim Ellis, and Rev. Randy Hill** for their assistance in unloading and moving all of the new music into the Choir Room. We greatly appreciate your help!

The Chancel Choir looks forward to sharing one of these newly received anthems with you as early as April 12. We hope you will join us for worship—either in person or through one of our many ways to connect online!

Peace and Joy,

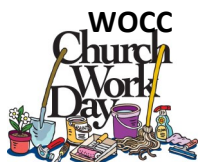
Andrew D. Orr
Director of Music

Church Work Day Volunteers

We are canvassing the congregation to see if we can get enough members to assist in this effort. If you are able to help, please call the Church Office to sign up. A master list will be kept to see if there are enough members able to assist in this effort.

Thanks for your consideration.

Mike Merry



Cabinet Meeting: It's time for us to update our activity calendars again. We will have a Cabinet meeting on March 22 at 12:15 in Room 117. The large activity sheets will be posted on the walls for the various committees and other organizations to update. This is a very good forum to see what other activities are planned and may give you new ideas for activities for your own group. Please have your Committee Chair or Co-Chair attend and update the calendar and possibly provide new ideas for other events.

See you there. Thx

Mike Merry

EASTER EGG HUNT COMING

Saturday, APRIL 4TH 11 A.M.



Pick up empty Easter eggs to fill with candy or small toys and bring them back to the church by Sunday, March 29.

Church Camp 2026 Plan to attend camp next June! Deadline to sign up for camp and get extra discount is March 31st!

Children and Youth at Regional Assembly!

All ages worked together at the Regional Assembly to fill and seal the bags for Stamp Out Starvation. **We filled 15,000 bags of food in 2 ½ hours.** Wouldn't Tom Russell be pleased as he had Stamp Out Starvation come to Western Oaks several times!!

The children and youth attended the worship service and were able to end our time with others in the region at Main Event. A positive event for everyone.



Installation of Reverend Michael Davison at the Oklahoma Regional Assembly!

The banquet was set and all were invited to participate at the table. We had five regional ministers as well as Reverend Terri Hord Owens the General Minister and President of the Christian Church, Reverend Pam Holt retired Regional Minister and Rev. Randy Kuss the Interim Regional Minister installed Michael. The regional committee who chose Michael Davison also took part in worship. We also had during the business session the installation of the Regional board for 2026-2027 of which I will be the chair of the Commission on Laity.



Church Staff

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- Interim Minister: Pastor Randy Hill
- Associate Minister: Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett
- Music Director: Andrew Orr
- Pianist: Rosa McCroskey
- Praise Band Leader: Ben Frantz
- Praise Band: Natalie Griffin and Zach Jones
- Nursery Attendant: Skylar Frank
- Admin Assistant: Cindy Cannon
- Sound Technician: Tobi Bessinger



- Thursday, Mar. 26 DWF Meeting 6:30pm
- Sunday, Mar. 29 Palm Sunday
- Thursday, Apr. 2 Maundy Thursday 6:30pm
- Sunday, May 8 Youth Sunday
- June 8 - 11 **Vacation Bible School**
"To Mars and Beyond"

Attendance	Facebook	YouTube	Online	9:00 am	11:00 am	In House Worship	TOTAL Worship
3/1/2026	13	3	16	25	43	68	84
3/8/2026	11	3	14	20	44	64	78

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Mar 22, 2026 – Rev. Jim Ellis)
 Sermon Title: Play It Again, Sam Scripture: John 11:38-44
 Theme: The raising of Lazarus and what it means for us.

Palm Sunday (Mar 29, 2026)
 Scripture: Mt. 26:36-58; Mk. 14:32-50; Lk. 22:39-62; Jn. 18:1-18
 Sermon Title: Gardiner of Gethsemane
 Theme: First person narrative of the events of Holy Week from the Gethsemane gardener’s perspective.

Easter Sunday (Apr 4, 2026)
 Sermon Title: Vacated Victory Scripture: John 20:1-18
 Theme: Rome’s victory is a vacated one.

Current Giving Date	General Giving	Weekly Fund	Blessing
3/1/2026	\$2,190	\$30	
3/8/2026	\$12,885	\$30	

March
Weekly
Budget Needs
\$4,874.75

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