



**January 3, 2021**

*We will be joining each other in worship from our homes.*

**God's Word:** Pastor Dave Sieplinga will bring a message, **World Weary, Hills Wary—A Long Obedience in the Same Direction** from **Psalms 120-121.**

Oakdale Park Church will be streaming worship services at **10:00 a.m.** on **Sunday mornings**, until we can meet again, on the OPC website <https://oakdaleparkchurch.org/live/>.

**Offering:** Oakdale Ministry

**Responding:** Please contact the prayer team, your elder, or a pastor with any prayer requests.

**Virtual Coffee Hour:** You will have the opportunity to connect with others immediately following worship. Join a coffee hour by clicking on one of the Google Hangout links, posted below the service stream on the OPC website.

**Today**

10:00 am Worship Service - virtual (Links above)  
11:15 am Join us for online coffee hour! (Info above)  
1:00 pm Kinyarwanda worship—streamed on YouTube.

**This Week At Oakdale**

7:00 pm Admin. Meeting

**Sunday, January 10:**

*Online worship*

10:00 am Online Worship  
1:00 pm Kinyarwanda Service

**For Your Personal & Family Prayers**

**Aljean Holtrop** had an eye appointment in Detroit this past week. Pray for wisdom for the medical staff who help Aljean and for clear next steps and guidance.

Continue to pray for **John Pastoor** as he heals from COVID and is slowly regaining strength. Pray for continued positive steps in his recovery.

Pray for comfort for **Gerry and Karen Ruis**, as **Gerry's mom, Joanne Ruis**, passed away at the end of the week and they are working on a future memorial service plan for a time when more are able to gather safely. Also, pray for Karen as she is struggling with back pain.

**Walter Mathis** was in the hospital with blood clots in his lungs. He is now home recovering and is on oxygen. Please pray for him to feel better and to have healing quickly.

Pray for **Denise Jones** as she had her doctor's appointment for her heart on December 30th. Pray that the information gathered during the time she wore the monitor will be helpful and give them insights into Denise's care going forward. Pray for good health.

Pray for the family of **Rev. Henry Yonker** as Henry passed away this past week. Pray for his family and friends to be comforted during this time of loss.

Continue to pray for peace and comfort for **Cora Lee's family** as her children's father and Cora's former husband, **Roosevelt Lee**, passed away just over a week ago.

Praises that **Doug and Cindy Plantenga's grandson, Micah**, had a successful surgery on his eye with the removal of a cyst. Praises that Micah is recovering well!

"**Andrew and I** are all moved in at our new place thanks to the Oakdale folks who helped move our heavy stuff while I was sick! Andrew never felt COVID symptoms, and I am just about back to normal. So a big thanks to our Oakdale family for the love, prayers, help, and meals during this time." - **Emily Veenstra-Banning**

Pray for people who are struggling with **mental illnesses**. Many are struggling with depression. Our church partners with Pine Rest in the CAP program. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are in need of help or to reach out to help others who you know may need help. As a member of OPC, each member of your household is able to access up to 3 free confidential counseling sessions at Pine Rest through the Church Assistance Program (CAP). Find info at: <https://www.pinerest.org/eap/employee-assistance-program-2/faith-based-organizations/> or reach out to your elder.

Pray for our church as we are in transition. Pray for our **discernment team** as they seek God's guidance on next steps for our church in multiple areas. Pray that OPC will be clearly led to whoever God desires to be in the role of our next teaching pastor. Praises that God has blessed us with Pastor Dave's leadership and teaching during this time of transition.

**Praises for the miracle of prayer!!!** We thank God for always listening and always being available to all of us, anytime and anywhere. **Praises for all of the answered prayers this year. God has been faithful to OPC. We give HIM praise!**

**Pray for strength and encouragement for friends:** Duke and Marilyn Bazuin, Harold & Jessica Kuizema, Roger & Doris Van't Hof, Diane DeHaan, Sid Lautenbach, John & Luann Pastoor, Bill (&Lee) VanderKodde, John & Joan Nidefski, Alexis Coger, & Joanne Ruis.

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## Oakdale Opportunities & Announcements

As you look ahead to 2021, you can also look forward to an updated church directory! **If you have moved within the last year, updated your phone number or your email and haven't informed the church office yet, please let us know.** You can submit your info to [adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org](mailto:adminassistant@oakdaleparkchurch.org) or call the office. You are also welcomed to submit an updated family photo if you have one on hand for our photo directory to the email address above.

**At-Home Faith Formation Tip (crcna.org/FaithFormation):** "the Practice of Engaging Scripture: Eugene Peterson says of Scripture engagement, 'Reading is an immense gift, but only if the words are assimilated, taken into the soul—eaten, chewed, gnawed, received in unhurried delight.' Read your favorite Scripture passage that way today. Take time to savor and “gnaw” on it, noticing any new insights that come to mind."

**In January please pray Jenny & Josh (LeMahieu) Gela (Papua New Guinea)**

**Calvin University January Series** - Each year Calvin University provides a publicly accessible series of speakers on various topics related to the Christian life and worldview. This year the January Series runs from January 6 through 26, 2021 and because of COVID-19 is offered to us in the safety and comfort of our homes. They are offering an impressive lineup of speakers and topics. The series is free of charge, but you need to register to watch it. More information on the content, speakers list, and REGISTRATION details can be found at [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)