

Jake Van Pernis is the Director of Youth Ministry at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. He is responsible for the implementing and directing of activities and programs for the middle school and high school students at Oak Grove as well as being a resource and leader in the church for the work that goes beyond its doors.

Prior to joining the ministry team at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church Jake received a Master's of Divinity (M.Div.) from Princeton Theological Seminary; worked as the Director of Youth Ministry at United Presbyterian Congregation Church in Ashland Wisconsin; obtained a Youth Ministry Certificate from Fuller Theological Seminary's Institute for Youth Ministry; and served on the staff of two camps—CrossWoods, a Christian Adventure Camp located near Drummond, Wisconsin, and Presbyterian Clearwater Forest located near Deerwood, Minnesota—leading worship and adventure activities, and ministering to students.

Jake fills his free time by spending time outside—he is an avid fan of many outdoor activities including biking, hiking, skiing, and kayaking— as well as reading, cooking, playing ultimate Frisbee, and enjoying a movie with his wife Kate and their cat Datsun.