

*We are a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith
seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.
Loving God...Changing Lives*



OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Feb. 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Thoughts to Ponder Excerpt from "The Hill We Climb" *Amanda Gorman*
(January 20, 2021)

*When day comes we ask ourselves,
where can we find light in this never-ending
shade?*

*The loss we carry, a sea we must wade.
We've braved the belly of the beast,
We've learned that quiet isn't always peace,
and the norms and notions*

*of what just is
isn't always just-ice.*

*And yet the dawn is ours before we knew it.
Somehow we do it...*

*When day comes we step out of the shade,
aflame and unafraid
the new dawn blooms as we free it.*

*For there is always light,
if only we're brave enough to see it.
If only we're brave enough to be it.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Anne Fisher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Adonis & Aria Brandt

Call to Worship

Eugene Orr

One: The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

All: We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

One: The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

All: Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

Opening Song No. 409 "God Is Here!" (on screens)

**¹ God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**⁴ Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**

Call to Confession

Eugene Orr

One: Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Eugene Orr

**All God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we
speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.
Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your
light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

Assurance of Pardon

Eugene Orr

One: The one who calls light out of shade now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Song No. 583

"Glory to God"

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song No. 190 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" (*on screens*)

¹ Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
turning from the summit's rise
downward toward the shadowed valley
where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

² Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain
any shrine or sacred booth,

but by following the Savior
through the valley to the cross
and by testing faith's resilience
through betrayal, pain, and loss.

³ Lord, transfigure our perception
with the purest light that shines,
and recast our life's intentions
to the shape of your designs,
till we seek no other glory
than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying
and our rising by your will.

Benediction

Anne Fisher

Sending Song No. 291 "Spirit of Gentleness"

Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes; from the
bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our elders see
visions; our youth clear their eyes. With bold new decisions,
your people arise. (*Refrain*)

Postlude

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Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalist & Liturgist: **Eugene Orr**;

Organist: **Nancy Hauser** | Pianist: **Judy Cooper**;

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Gordon Goodwin and Mac Davis**

Chancel flowers are given by **Tammy Kaplan**,
in *memory of parents, Jean & Kenwood Kaplan*, and
Jack & Leona Kley, in *memory of Leona's brother*,
Rev. Leon V. Bonikowski.

Oak Grove Announcements

Birth Announcement

The rosebud in the chancel this week is in honor of **Ellery Nancy Oslund** who was born to parents **Joey and Sarah Oslund** on February 11. Proud siblings are **Annabelle, Cassidy and Sam**. Welcome Ellery!



Virtual Coffee Hour

Join host Larry Klueh Sundays at Noon. Please zoom in to enjoy one another's company and catch up in a relaxed way! Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3hxYbrw>. Use Meeting ID: 896 8075 0816 and Passcode: 323213. For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the ID and passcode.

Per Capita Challenge

'Per capita' is the set amount of money per member that each congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church. Because we all benefit from the Presbytery's system of government, the expenses associated with managing that system are shared by everyone. We are, once again, having the 'Per Capita' challenge for the month of February.

In 2020, Oak Grovers donated more than \$7,000 to pay off their individual per capita donations. This amount greatly reduced the amount that needed to be paid from our general fund. Our goal is to again collect \$7,000 in per capita payments in 2021. **To date, we have received \$2,884.25.** This would be a great way to show our congregation's commitment to the Presbytery and their work on our behalf. Please take part in our challenge this month, and make a 'per capita' payment of \$36.50 for each confirmed member of your family who attends Oak Grove. Thank you!

Chancel Flower Sign-up for 2021!

We will continue to have colorful arrangements for our Sunday worship services, virtual or in-person. Select a date in memory of or in honor of a loved one, group or event. The cost is \$30 due at sign-up. Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 (a landline) or urbanfields2.1@q.com to sign up and reserve your special date.

Lenten Devotionals

Lent begins on Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday; Lent is an opportunity to take time to enrich our spiritual life. Oak Grove still has a few copies of Lenten daily devotionals available called *Steadfast Love* by Henri Nowen. If you would like a devotional, please contact the Church office (952-888-4621) in order to receive one.

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 17

This year, Ash Wednesday will be a new experience with a pre-recorded worship service available on the Oak Grove website and Facebook starting at noon.

There will be a “Drive-Thru” Ash Wednesday and Lenten Experience 7:00–7:30 pm in the church parking lot. We will also accept monetary donations for Loaves & Fishes. Please enter the parking from the north Penn Avenue entrance.

Family Sledding Party Rescheduled: Feb. 20 (10–11:00 am)

Due to extreme cold temperatures, the family sledding party will now take place on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Brookside Park on the sliding hill along Abbott Avenue. Please bring your sleds and masks, and we'll sled and play. We hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting: Feb 28

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Feb. 28 at noon via Zoom. We will need to secure a quorum of at least 50 to conduct official church business.

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/36SpVmo>

Meeting ID: 925 1205 0464, Passcode: 375742

For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the ID and Passcode.

The Annual Report will be available starting Monday, Feb. 15. We will send an email with a link to download. If you would like a printed copy, please call the church (952-888-4621) and let us know.