

*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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Oct. 24, 2021 Pledge Commitment Sunday 9:00 & 10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude (9:00 am) "We've Come This Far By Faith" Choir

Prelude (10:15 am)

Welcome & Announcements Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle (10:15 am) Sarah & Zachary Orr

Call to Worship Liturgist

All that we are is a gift from God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

All that we have is a gift from God.

The world, and those who live in it;

We worship a generous and loving God!

We will praise God as long as we have breath.

We give thanks for God's good gifts.

We give thanks for God's help in times of need.

We give thanks for God's mercy in times of trouble.

We know that God will always be with us.

Let us worship God!

Praise God from who all blessings flow!



¹ Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

² Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

⁴ Take my sliver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

⁶ Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Almighty and all-loving God, we confess that we often have failed to be your holy people, set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy of fatalism than in passion of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by concern for social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We speak in your name without nourishing our souls, without relying on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us, revive us, reshape us in your image.
(time for silent reflection). Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Liturgist

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!
If God is for us, who is against us? Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart (9:00 am)

Bart Roush

Sending Song (9:00 am) "Near or Far"

J McKinnon

Near or far apart, You're always in my heart. God's love is here to stay, Close and far away. Resting in God's peace, Praying for God's hope, Serving God's joy, United in God's love.

The Sacrament of Baptism (10:15 am)

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Christian Evan Soderlund

Child of Paul & Monica Soderlund

Sponsors: Jesse Panger & Elaine Soderlund

(unison) **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Christian, into Christ's Church. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Sending Song (10:15 am) "Baptized in Water"

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Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our Lord; Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Anthem (10:15 am) "We've Come This Far By Faith"

Scripture

Jeremiah 18:1–6 (NT: p. 720 | LPNT: p. 881) Bart Roush
2 Corinthians 4:7–10 (NT: p. 180 | LPNT: p. 220)

Message

Bart Roush

Anthem (10:15 am) "I Will Guide Thee"

Prayer of Dedication of Our 2022 Pledges

Bart Roush

We dedicate the pledges we have received and those we have yet to receive.

Loving God, you have given us life and freedom. Everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. You call us to be stewards of the gifts you give us. May these pledges be used to make sure all are welcome here; bring relief to the suffering; feed the hungry; clothe the poor; give shelter to those who need it; and bring justice to the oppressed.

Let us pray:

Loving God, we are saying yes to following you. As we look forward to the coming year open our eyes to what is possible in your sight. May we be part of the adventure that comes when serving you with our whole heart and being. May we continue to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with you, our God. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together, saying...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song

"We Lift Our Voices"

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We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

Benediction

Bart Roush

Postlude

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Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalists: **Sonya Butler, Anne Klueh, Dick Nichols & Gar Nordin** ;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Bob Gerdes & Mac Davis**

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