

*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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**Nov. 7, 2021**

**All Saints Sunday**

**9:00 & 10:15 am**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude (9:00 am)**                      "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord"                      Choir

**Prelude (10:15 am)**                      "Ashgrove" & "Now the Silence"                      Hand Bells

**Welcome & Announcements**                      Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle (10:15 am)**                      Helena LeFebvre

**Call to Worship (based on Psalm 149)**                      Kate Lindberg

**Sing to the LORD a new song.**

Praise God among the communion of saints.

**Let us rejoice in our creator – sing, dance and jump for joy!**

God calls us to fresh and abiding hope and imparts the good news  
of Jesus.

**Let us worship God!**

**Opening Song**                      "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"                      730

**<sup>1</sup> I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a  
queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on  
the green:  
they were all of them saints of God,  
and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.**

**<sup>3</sup> They lived not only in ages past;  
there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school,  
or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops,  
or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.**

## Prayer of Confession

Kate Lindberg

**Eternal God, in every age you have discipled people to live in faith... to do justice, to act mercifully and to walk humbly with you. Forgive us for the times we have ignored the marginalized and the suffering in favor of convenience. Have mercy on us for the ways we have benefitted from systems of oppression without understanding the consequences. Turn us toward You and help us to walk in the path of Jesus. (*silent prayer*)**

## Assurance of Pardon

Kate Lindberg

By the grace of the living God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, free to begin anew.

**Thanks be to God!**

## We Listen for God's Word

### Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

### Sending Song

"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.**

### Anthem (10:15 am)

Vocal Selection

### Scripture

Hebrews 12:1–2  
(NT: p. 226 | LPNT: p. 275)

Mary Koon

### Message

"For All the Saints"

Mary Koon

### Reading of the Saints

Mary Koon & Kate Lindberg



**Prayer**

Mary Koon

**Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished the race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you, those you have now received into your presence. Help us to treat each day as a precious gift. And when our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live. In life and death, we belong to You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn**

**"For All the Saints"**

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**<sup>1</sup> For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**<sup>3</sup> O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

The juice is non-alcoholic.

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Mary Koon

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Mary Koon

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

Mary Koon

**Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

Mary Koon

## Prayer following Communion

Gracious God, we give thanks that You have met us at the table and nourished us with your love. Refreshed and filled, lead us into the world to live as faithful and dedicated disciples. We pray in the name of Jesus, AMEN.

## We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song "For All the Saints" 326

<sup>4</sup> And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

<sup>5</sup> From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Benediction Mary Koon

Postlude "I Must Tell Jesus" Hand Bells



*Additional participants in worship today include:*

Bell Ringers: **Linda Johnson, Carol Long, Jane Propsom & Nancy Scott;**

Vocalists (10:15 am): **Emma Wasko & Isaiah Evans;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Chris Diller & Greg Johnson**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Dorothy & Bob Sorensen,**  
in *memory of Dorothy's brother, James Dow,* and  
*Dorothy & Gordon Beattie in honor of family and*  
in *memory of grandson Sam.*

## **Reading of the Saints**

On All Saints Sunday, we celebrate the promise of everlasting life. We will be reciting the names and ringing the bell for each Oak Grove member and other family members or friends who has joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Sunday.

## **Oak Grove Church Remembers**

Rich Miller

James R. Dow

Robert Sanchez

Rodger Schwartz

Frank Bliss

Elizabeth Johnson Hanson

Chester McGill

Thomas Campbell

Robert John Esnough

Peter MacLaren Colwell

Connie Johnson

Sharon Ramey

Jimmy Zeiszler

Marian Schwartz

Joyce Shantz

Arnie Erickson

Jane Lund

Robert G. Tritsch

Don Dunham

Yvonne Wentz

Margaret Vaughn

Mary Jones

Bob Sands

Art Fisk

Linda Kley

Linda Blair

Dawn Grace Greimel

Jean Aasen

# Oak Grove Announcements

## Adult Faith Formation

Please join us each Sunday, 11:15 am to noon, for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith.

Nov. 7: Linda Thompson will present Tai Chi for balance and arthritis. Linda is Mary Pol's Tai Chi teacher and comes highly recommended. She will lead us through some seated exercises that are easy to do at home. This will be an excellent introduction to this ancient practice!

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3yS9v93>

Meeting ID: 871 4123 8835 | Passcode: 383326

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

## From Supportive Housing

In anticipation of the holidays and a prosperous New Year, have you found that you have accumulated a number of extra greeting cards and 2022 calendars? The Supportive Housing Committee is collecting these items again this year and will organize packets of cards and the calendars to be distributed to one of the Senior affordable housing buildings operated by Aeon, a preservation non-profit dedicated to providing affordable housing. Beginning Nov. 4, please deliver your cards and calendars to church and we will provide a special basket or tote to collect them. The last day for donating will be Nov. 24. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

## Oak Grove Announcements

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's: Thursdays (7:30 am)**

Join other Oak Grove men for a time of fellowship while enjoying breakfast. The group meets weekly on Thursdays at Denny's (4209 American Blvd W, Bloomington 55437).

### **Singles Fellowship at Zeke's: Monday, Nov. 8 (5:00 pm)**

Time to get together to catch up the second Monday of the month. We will meet at Zeke's Place (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington). No need to RSVP. Singles Fellowship is a group of single adults who get together for socialization and support. Questions? Contact Jane Jacobson at 612-267-9068.

### **Soul Sisters: Monday, Nov. 8 (7:00 pm)**

We will gather at church in the Oak room for a time to check-in and share fellowship and support. No RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary at [mkoon@oakgrv.org](mailto:mkoon@oakgrv.org).

### **Ladies Who Lunch: Wednesday, Nov. 17 (noon)**

Please join us on Bev Heise's porch (9850 Colorado Rd), weather permitting, to discuss "*The Book of Longings*" by Sue Monk Kidd. For more information, please reach out to Bev at 612-670-2812.

## Oak Grove Announcements

### Oak Rovers: November & December Events

Join us at Willy McCoys (France & Old Shakopee) on Monday, Nov. 15 at **4:30 pm** (new, earlier time) for half-price hamburgers. Following the meal (if you choose) we will proceed to Bloomington Artistry Theater for a production of *Little Women*. Tickets to be purchased at the door (pay what you can night; regular price \$35–\$47.) Call “Gorgeous” George Wasson for McCoys reservations at 952-240-1525.

*Please note, all attendees of Artistry theater performances will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination, or a negative COVID-19 test result taken within 72 hours prior to the performance. Masks must be worn by all guests inside regardless of vaccination status.*

Some tickets remain for the spectacular Wooddale Christmas Concert on Sunday Dec. 12 at 2:30 pm, perhaps the best entertainment value in town at only \$15 per ticket. Call Mike or Nancy Hoaglund (also gorgeous) at 952-831-5180.

### Chancel Flowers

Every week beautiful flowers grace the Sanctuary. Contributing flowers is a way to glorify God and beautify the chancel area. The contribution can be in honor of someone, in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of milestone events (birthdays or anniversaries) or as thanksgiving for friends and family. Your dedication will appear in Sunday bulletin for your chosen date.

There are two arrangements available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 (a landline) or [urbanfields2.1@q.com](mailto:urbanfields2.1@q.com) to sign up and reserve your special date.