

*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**

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431
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Nov. 14, 2021

25th Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Minute for Mission

Karen Alonzi

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Paige Arndt

Call to Worship

Becky Dop

Though we have known hardship and pain, though life has not always turned out as we had hoped, we will stand here and say:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Though life becomes more complex, the deepest questions remain unanswered, and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:

God's steadfast love endures forever!

And though the pain of the world often seems more than we can bear or address, we will stand firm in our faith and say:

God's steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God!



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Faith Grondin** (Nov. 10, 2021) who joined the church triumphant. "In Life and Death we belong to God."

¹ In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

² There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

³ In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Opening Prayer

Becky Dop

Loving God, whose touch can heal the broken places of life, touch us today.

God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits of confusion and despair, reassure us today.

Forgiving God, whose call to repentance promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our souls today.

You who heal the sick and liberate the imprisoned, who bring justice in the midst of oppression and strength in the midst of weakness, pour out your spirit of power upon us today.

Open our hearts to new faithfulness, redirect our waywardness, and hold us gently in your goodness.

We confess our need to you, and we turn to you with hearts filled with hope, remembering the promises you have made to us. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

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)

“Artist of My Soul”

Scripture

John 17:20–26
(NT: p. 111 | LPNT: p. 136)

Bart Roush

Message

Bart Roush

Prayers of the People

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.

We Go Forth in God’s Name

Closing Song

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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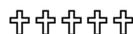
**¹ Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us,
O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.**

**² Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful,
ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.**

Benediction

Bart Roush

Postlude



Additional participants in worship today include:

Liturgist & Vocalist: **Becky Dop**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Gordon Goodwin & Greg Johnson**

Chancel flowers are given by **Leona & Jack Kley**,
in *memory* of **Edward Kley** & *in honor* of **all veterans**, and
Barb Nelson, in *memory* of **husband Lorne & mother Catherine**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Nov. 14 (11:15 am to Noon)

Oak Grove Town Hall Forum hosted by the Re-Entry Team. Come hear from the team about where we are and where we are going. We encourage you to ask questions and share your thoughts.

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.

Interested in becoming a new member at Oak Grove?

Please join us for our New Member Inquiry Class! We will meet twice, Sunday, Nov. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 5, after worship via Zoom. Exact times are pending, but plan on 60–90 minutes. Contact Sandy Crum (952-888-2114) to register or for more information.

2022 Chancel Flower Sign-up

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 the 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 to sign up and reserve your special date.

Oak Grove Announcements

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.

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).

Give to the Max Day: Thursday, Nov. 18

This November, kick off your holiday season by taking part in Give to the Max Day. Minnesotans are known for their generosity, so it's no surprise that in the past ten years, we have donated over 250 million dollars to our favorite Minnesota non-profits on Give to the Max Day. And when you donate on Nov. 18, your causes might earn an extra gift from this year's \$100,000 prize pool!

So, mark your calendar and take part in Give to the Max Day. It's easy to do! Go to GiveMN.org and search for Oak Grove Presbyterian Church along with all your other favorite local charities and help make a difference. You can even go to GiveMN.org today and schedule your donations. Thank you!

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Anti-Racism Accountability Group: Thursday, Nov. 18 (7–8:30 pm)

Please join Oak Grovers in attending “*Come Together for Racial Justice.*” This is a chance to gather virtually with others across our community to hear neighborhood-based leaders reflecting on themes like racial healing and asset-based community development. The speaker session is followed by a breakout session where you can participate with others across our community, reflecting on what has been shared.

Please consider joining us in these community learning events! For more information, sign up for emails or join the Zoom meetings on Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, please visit the website at: <https://www.clne-mn.org/cometogether>.

From Supportive Housing

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. 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.

Refugee Resettlement: Monday, Dec. 6 (6:30–8:00 pm)

Might there be ways you would be willing to assist Oak Grove's welcoming of a refugee family? Could you be part of the 4–6 folks we need to join Karen & Fred Alonzi, Cathy Jo Colborn, Sue Greimel and Kathy Howell to help lead Oak Grove's partnership? For more information, please join the Zoom meeting. Watch announcements for link and/or speak with any of those listed.