

*We are a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith  
seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.  
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**OAK GROVE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Nov. 21, 2021**

**Christ the King/Reign of Christ**

**10:15 am**

**We Gather in God's Name**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Molly Fineran

**Call to Worship**

Karen Gerdes

With grateful hearts, we gather to worship,

**We give God thanks and praise.**

With open minds, we listen to the needs of others,

**We give God thanks and praise.**

With outstretched hands, we serve one another,

**We give God thanks and praise.**

With all our being, we follow Jesus Christ,

**And we give God thanks and praise. Let us worship God!**

**Opening Song**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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<sup>1</sup> Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

<sup>2</sup> O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us in God's grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

<sup>3</sup> All praise and thanks to God,  
who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son  
and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is,  
and shall be evermore.

## Opening Prayer

Karen Gerdes

**God of Abundant Love and Grace, in this season we praise you for the fruits of the earth, for springtime and harvest. As the seasons turn, we know that you are with us through all of life’s challenges and changes. In times of scarcity, may we find a double-portion of your grace made known to us. In times of hardship, may we find a double-portion of forgiveness and love. In times of struggle, may we find a double-portion of hope and justice. Abundant God, shower us with your grace, peace, and joy. Amen.**

## 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

“Thankful”

### Scripture

Philippians 4:4–9 (NT: p. 198 | LPNT: p. 236)  
Colossians 3:15–17 (NT: p. 201 | LPNT: p. 246)

Bart Roush

### Message

Bart Roush

### Prayers of the People

Bart Roush

### 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.**

*\*Other options include: Creator or Mother*

## We Go Forth in God's Name

### Closing Song

“Let All Things Now Living”

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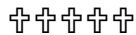
<sup>1</sup> Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us;  
pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
till shadows have vanished,  
all fearfulness banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.

<sup>2</sup> By law God enforces,  
the stars in their courses,  
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim  
God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
to God in the highest, hosanna and  
praise!

### Benediction

Bart Roush

### Postlude



*Additional participants in worship today include:*

Liturgist & Vocalist: **Karen Gerdes**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Bob Gerdes & Andy Snyder**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Dorothy Backstrom**,  
in *memory* of **husband Don & mother Dorothy Kilpatrick**, and  
**Patty & Ron Nail**, in *honor* of **granddaughter Mari's 3rd birthday**.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Nov. 21 (11:15 am to Noon)**

Dr. Bruce Forbes, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at Morningside College will present on the real story of Thanksgiving.

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, following worship via Zoom. Plan on 60–90 minutes. Contact Sandy Crum (952-888-2114) to register or for more information.

- Nov. 21 (11:15 am) Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3coDJaD>
- Dec. 5 (Noon) Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3kRp3Wq>

## **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](mailto:urbanfields2.1@q.com) to sign up and reserve your special date.

**The church office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26  
in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.**