

*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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Jan. 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Kathy Howell

On that first day, when time began:

**you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the
waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

On that day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

**you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the
waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.**

On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

**you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice
claiming us as your own. Let us worship God!**

Opening Song

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

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(in-person, please refrain from singing)

**¹ In Christ called to baptize, we witness to
grace and gather a people from each land
and race. In deep, flowing waters, we
share in Christ's death, then, rising to
new life, give thanks with each breath.**

**³ In Christ called to witness, by grace we
will preach the life-giving gospel; God's
love we will teach. By grace may our**

**living give proof to our praise in costly
compassion reflecting Christ's ways.**

**⁴ Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for
you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you
bestow. In Christ is our calling. In
Christ may we grow.**

Prayer of Confession

Kathy Howell

Holy One, we confess that we live at times as if you are far away. We live at times as if you are above us, distant in a cloud. We have forgotten the humanness of your life, that you were born as vulnerable and messy as us. You were baptized as we were baptized, in water from this earth you created. You called forth followers who were your friends. You celebrated at weddings and had family members tell you what to do.

Remind us to invite you into the mess of our lives, O God, for you have lived it and experienced it. You know what it is like to be rejected, to be feared, to be forgotten, and to be loved and accepted and cared for. Remind us that you are very near to us, not only in Spirit, but in experience. You know us. You know our hearts. You know our lives. May we rejoice and celebrate that you are dear to us, and we are dear to you. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Kathy Howell

Jesus said, "Whoever does the will of God is my mother and my sister and my brother, my siblings, my family."

Whenever we turn back to Jesus' way and live into God's will, we know that we belong to God's family, that we belong to Jesus and Jesus belongs to us. We will love one another, forgive one another, help one another in healing and encouragement. We will live into this good news, knowing that God knows the number of hairs on our head, and loves us madly. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Mary Koon

Sending Song

"Near or Far"

J McKinnon

(in-person, please refrain from singing)

**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	“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”	
Scripture	Matthew 3:1–17 (NT: p. 2 LPNT: p. 3)	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.

**Other options include Creator or Mother*

We Go Forth in God’s Name

Closing Song	“Take Us as We Are, O God” (in-person, please refrain from singing)	312
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¹ Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As once you chose to tell your love in human flesh and bone, so let our lives be used to make your saving purpose known.	your promise we can know the peace your grace supplies.
² Bless us for your service, Lord; no power we devise will ever give us strength enough or make us truly wise, yet by	⁴ Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least, until at length you call us all to your unending feast.

Benediction	Bart Roush
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Postlude

An offering plate is available as people exit the sanctuary and please be mindful of distancing.



Participants in worship today include:

Vocalists: **Sonya Butler, Kathy Howell, Anne Klueh & CeCe Klueh;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Bob Gerdes & Al Greimel**

Chancel flowers are given by **Lila & Al Netten,**

in *memory* of **Al's brother and sister,** and

Paula & Frank Uvodich, in *honor of granddaughter's birthday.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Jan. 9 (11:15 am to Noon)

Please join us for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith. Pat Daily, a Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Board member, will present an update on all things Clearwater – building status, capital campaign and staffing.

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3n1JnWe> (*new link*)

Meeting ID: 880 2983 3201 | Passcode: 383326

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

Oak Grove's Re-Entry Team Guidelines for January:

1. In-person worship will now be limited to 20 people (not including leadership and tech support). Reserve your spot via the [Oak Grove website](#) or by calling the church office (952-888-4621).
2. No small group meetings should meet in person and should meet virtually instead.
3. If it is not possible to meet virtually, we strongly recommend you postpone your meeting for the month of January.

For complete details, visit: <https://bit.ly/3t4PJYy>