

*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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March 20, 2022

Neighboring Sunday

10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Thoughts to Ponder

*"Feminism isn't about making women stronger. Women are already strong.
It's about changing the way the world perceives that strength."*

– G.D. Anderson, Australian feminist writer

*"I believe that appreciation is a holy thing, that when we look for what's
best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what
God does all the time. So, in loving and appreciating our neighbor, we're
participating in something sacred." – Fred Rogers*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Koon

Lighting of the Christ Candle "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" (*on screen*)

Call to Worship

Harper Krentz

Someday, the house of God will stand on the highest mountain.

People will come from every place to learn how to walk in God's path.

God will show us what is fair and put an end to our fighting.

People will turn their old weapons into new tools for growing food.

Come, people of God:

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

***Opening Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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¹ For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

² For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

⁵ For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
(Refrain)

***Call to Confession**

Harper Krentz

Trusting in God’s love, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Holy God, you have called us to love you with heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. If we are honest, we know that sometimes we hurt each other and fail to keep our promises to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us, day by day, to turn away from what is wrong and turn to you in faith: through Jesus Christ our Lord... *(silent confession)*

***Assurance of Pardon**

Harper Krentz

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! We can walk in new life!

Thanks be to God.

We Listen for God’s Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Anthem

“Jesus, Teach Us To Be Neighbors”

Scripture

Matthew 22:34–40 (NT: p. 25 | LPNT: p. 30)

Mary Koon

Message

“The Good Neighbor”

Mary Koon

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 Hymn** "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" 543

**¹ God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.**

**⁵ Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.**

**⁴ Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ, surround me;
O Christ, surround me.**

***Benediction**

Sending Song "It's Such a Good Feeling" (*on screen*)

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Vocalist: **Emma Wasko**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Gordon Goodwin & Bob Gerdes**

Chancel flowers are given by **Nancy Hauser**,
in *memory* of **Dave**.

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



The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of
Barrett James Hanson who was born to parents
Shayna Larsen-Nordin and Jason Hanson on Feb. 22.
Proud grandparents are Gar Nordin and Gloria Larsen.

Welcome Barrett!



The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of
Evelyn Lee Rodriguez Nail who was born to parents
Andy Nail and Allison Rodriguez on March 5.
Proud grandparents are Patty and Ron Nail.

Welcome Evelyn!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, March 20 (11:15 am to Noon)

Please join us for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith. Back by popular demand! Rev. Bill Davnie will explore the geopolitical situation in Ukraine. Bill is a fascinating and knowledgeable speaker, and he will bring some clarity on what is happening with the war in Ukraine. We promise you that this talk will be helpful and enlightening.

Join the Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/3n1JnWe>

Meeting ID: 880 2983 3201 | Passcode: 383326

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

Oak Grove Announcements

Give to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: March 2–April 17, 2022

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. **THANK YOU!**

Ways to give:

- Use the special offering envelope
- Use the special envelope in the pew
- Write a check (put OGHS in the memo line)
- Donate by credit card online at:
<https://onrealm.org/oakgrv/give/oghs>

VEAP March Food & Fund Drive

We are collecting non-perishable food (unopened and unexpired), paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, napkins) diapers (sizes 5–7) and baby wipes for VEAP. Items will be collected at church through Sunday, April 3. [CLICK HERE](#) for a list of most needed items.

Financial donations are always welcome and provide VEAP with the most flexibility to purchase needed food items from food banks at much lower costs than at grocery stores. Please make checks payable to Oak Grove with VEAP in the memo line. **THANK YOU!**

Oak Grove Announcements

Sunday Worship Services Livestream Changes

Beginning Sunday, April 3, the livestreamed service will no longer appear on the website home page. Instead, you will be invited to click on one of the links to view the livestream either on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#). Links to archived videos will be available on the [Sermons](#) web page and on Oak Grove's [YouTube](#) channel. You can also view our live services on Twitter for those of you that have an account. Search for @OGPCBloomington and follow us!

Timberwolves vs. Chicago Bulls: Sunday, April 10 (time: TBD)

Join fellow Oak Grovers to see the Timberwolves take on the Chicago Bulls. Tickets are \$31 (section 210), and we will also participate in the “fan tunnel” (greeting the players as they go out for warmups). All tickets will be digitally delivered to the Timberwolves mobile app so please download the app. Sign up through the Oak Grove website (oakgrv.org) or contact Ron Dubis at 612-868-9194. Please note that this outing is tentative based on Covid guidelines at the time.

Chancel Flower Sign-up

Every week beautiful flowers grace the Sanctuary. Your 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.