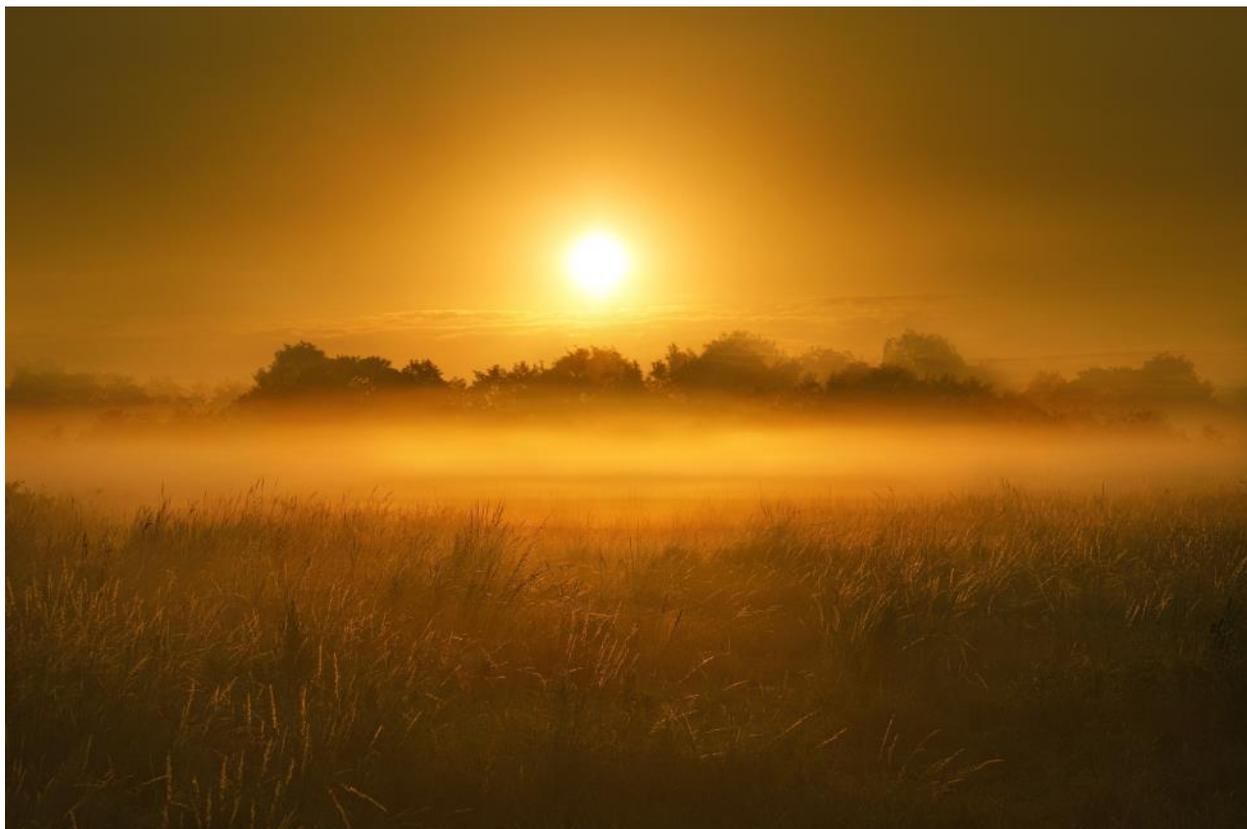


I am the Light of the World



*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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August 28, 2022 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.” – Anne Lamott, American novelist

We Gather in God’s Name

Prelude

“The Last Rose of Summer”

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Marsha Pridgeon

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

For the God who broods over the chaos meets us in this place.

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

For the God who breathes new life into the dust meets us in this place.

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

For the God who dared to become human meets us in this place.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

“Jesus, Light of Joy” (vss 1 & 3)

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***Prayer of Confession**

Marsha Pridgeon

Almighty God, we confess that we let our fears get the better of us. At times we feel frozen, stuck right where we are, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually. We end up focused on the wrong things, looking back instead of looking forward. Remind us that we are not alone. Remind us that you are always present with us. Remind us that your perfect love casts out fear. Restore us, O God, so we may know your steadfast love endures forever. Amen and Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Marsha Pridgeon

God is on the move. God is in our hearts. God is by our side. God is with us. Know that God's love enfolds you, and covers you, and is with you always.

We are God's beloved children. We are forgiven, loved, and restored. We will share this good news. We will share God's love and forgiveness. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Marsha Pridgeon

Let us greet one another as new beings, reconciled to God and one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (*Exchange the peace with those around you.*)

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Mary Koon

Sending Song

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Scripture

John 8:12–19 (NT: p. 101 | LPNT: p. 123)

Bart Roush

Message

Bart Roush

Hymn of Response

"Take, O Take Me as I Am"
(*Please remain seated*)

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"I Am" Moment

Cassie Acker

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(^ Father, Mother or Creator)

Our God^ 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 Hymn

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

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*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastors: **Bart Roush & Mary Koon;**

Liturgist: **Marsha Pridgeon** | Speaker: **Cassie Acker;**

Vocalist: **Brianna Carroll;**

Organist: **Nancy Hauser** | Director of Music/Piano: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Ruth Dukelow, Greg Johnson & Bob Gerdes;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Nancy Hauser**,
in *honor* of **Colin & Darby**.

Greeter: **John & Jeri Anderson**

Guest vocalist, Brianna Carroll, is the daughter of Peter & Michele Carroll, and granddaughter of Jim & the late Joan Carroll. Brianna will begin her senior year at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa this fall. She is a music major with plans to continue on for a degree in music therapy.



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Elsie Victoria Clark** (Aug. 17, 2022) who joined the church triumphant. "In Life and Death we belong to God."

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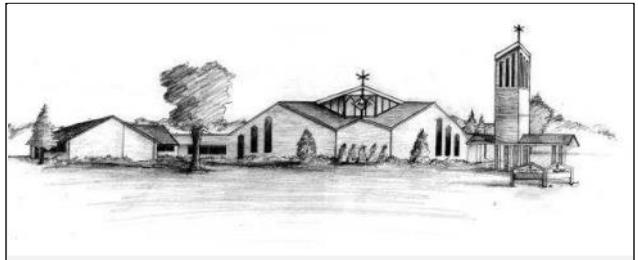
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

We are proud to be a Matthew 25, Green Care and More Light Congregation.

The congregation of Oak Grove values its roots that go back more than 150 years, even as we follow the movement of the Spirit into new ways of being and doing.

We always welcome your suggestions.

***The church office will be closed
Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day.***



Prayer Requests

Please contact the church office to let us know when you have new requests or updates for family and friends, or when a death occurs so we can support and care for you or your loved one.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Love to sing? Want to join a choir? Here's your opportunity!

Chancel Choir begins rehearsals and Sunday singing this September. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7:15 pm in our 'new' choir room! New carpet, paint, piano, folders, cabinets... it looks wonderful, and we will be rehearsing there each Wednesday. Our first Sunday of singing in worship will be Sept. 11. We'd love for you to join us! If you have questions, please contact Judy Cooper at 952-250-9226 or jcooper@oakgrv.org.

Sunday, Sept. 11 is Rally Day!

Rally Day is the day we return to our fall worship schedule. Our faith formation hour offers time to re-connect with people you may have missed during the summer months and learn more about what's going on at Oak Grove.

This year, from 9–10:00 am, in the Social Hall, committees will have information available about what they are doing and ways you can be involved, ministry, outreach, fellowship and more. Children 3rd–5th grade will prepare cinnamon rolls for everyone to enjoy, and a table will be set up with activities for children. Worship will take place at 10:30 am. We hope to see you there!

Interested in Joining Oak Grove?

Our new member class will be held after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, Sept. 11. We will meet in the Fireside Room and lunch will be provided. New members will be presented to the congregation the following Sunday, Sept. 18. We would love to have you join! Questions? Please contact Sandy Crum (952-715-1252)

EV Expo: Saturday Sept. 17 (11 am to 3 pm)

This event is free and open to the public in the Oak Grove parking lot. The expo will feature many new EV models for test drives and test rides.

More than 20 different EV models will be shown by their owners. An electric school bus from Eastern Carver County will be on display. Kids can try building model wind turbines at our KidWind wind tunnel.

There will be many e-bikes, e-mowers, e-snow blowers and other electric toys and tools. Talks by experts will tell you all you need to know to get plugged in. Call the church office (952-888-4621) if you are interested in volunteering.

For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3otvosz>.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singles Group Wine Tasting: Friday, Sept. 23

We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:45 am to carpool to Alexis Bailey Winery near Hastings for our outing. Since they do not serve food, you will need to pack a bag lunch to enjoy with our wine tasting. You do not need to register, just show up that morning in the church parking lot. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Nolte at 952-884-1014.

Woodcutting at Clearwater Forest: Saturday, Sept. 24

Join us at Clearwater Forest for Oak Grove's annual woodcutting event. There will be a lot of fun, fresh air, fellowship and hard work. This is an event for all ages with many regular Oak Grovers returning every year. Youth are especially welcome.

Families can treat this event as an introduction to the property and a full weekend to hike, bike, kayak, swim and fish. We have camp sites and some room with beds available if you would like to come up the night before and/or stay Saturday.

If interested in going and/or knowing more about the event, please contact Carrie Wilkens at carriewilkens@comcast.net or 952-240-5022.

Expressive Art Through Collage

This three-session series (plan to attend all sessions) for women will focus on self-care, resiliency and hope as we express ourselves through the creation of collages. Each week we will explore what inspires, renews and fills us with joy.

Collage is an intuitive and transformative process of gathering, cutting/tearing and composing images until art emerges. No previous art experience is ever needed. It is non-intimidating, and the process of creation is calming and comforting. There is no cost, and all supplies will be furnished.

This series will be facilitated by Gloria Larsen, an Expressive Arts Facilitator, who presents art making experiences through collage, imagery, and reflective writing. All sessions will take place at Oak Grove from 10:00 am–Noon on Tuesdays (Sept. 27, Oct. 4 and Oct. 11).

Registration for the series is limited to a maximum of 10 participants. To register, call the church office (952-888-4621).

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

CPR/AED Training:

Saturday, Oct. 15 (9am to 1 pm)

Training will take place in the Community Room at Oak Grove. Space is limited to 10 participants and there is no charge for the course.

Learn how to identify and respond to the signs of cardiac arrest, how to perform CPR and how to properly use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

For more information or to sign up, contact Carol Osweiler at carol.osweiler@gmail.com or 952-237-5894.

Weekly

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Join other Oak Grove men for a time of fellowship while enjoying breakfast. The group meets weekly on Thursday mornings (7:30 am) at Denny's (4209 American Blvd W, Bloomington 55437).

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 18: Woven Voices Concert at Oak Grove (2 pm)

Thursday, Sept. 22: Pres. Homes Birthday Parade for Centenarians

Sunday, Sept. 25: Victor Zupanc Concert at Oak Grove (3 pm)

Sunday, Oct. 16: Golden Harvest Dinner at Oak Grove (Noon)

Memorial Services

Thursday, Sept. 1: Elise Clark service at the Cremation Society of MN (2 pm)
www.oakgrv.org/service-clark/

Saturday, Oct. 1: Austin Ritterspach memorial service at Oak Grove (2 pm)
www.oakgrv.org/ritterspach-memorial/

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Ken Hanson memorial service at Oak Grove (11:30 am)
www.oakgrv.org/service-hanson/

