

*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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Oct. 2, 2022

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am



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A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Hunger is not a problem. It is an obscenity. How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” – Anne Frank

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

“Like a River Glorious”
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hand Bell Choir

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Presentation of Gifts & Welcome Home

Call to Worship (*adapted from Isaiah 55*)

Patsy Fisk

From north and south and east and west,

all Creation sings forth your praises!

The mountains and the hills burst into song;

the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Your steadfast love never ceases.

With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn**

“Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table” (vss 1 & 4)

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***Prayer of Confession**

Patsy Fisk

Gracious God, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort.

We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts — the spirit of power, love and self-discipline — that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Patsy Fisk

We call to mind your promises and therefore we find hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies are new every morning. Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

Patsy Fisk

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

Hymn of Response

"God of Great and God of Small" (verse 1)

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God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong, alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

Scripture

Matthew 18:1–14 (NT: p. 19 | LPNT: p. 23)

Bart Roush

Message

Bart Roush

Faith Talk

"Past, Present, Future"

Gar Nordin

Song of Response

"Salaam Aleikum Le" (*on screens*)
(May Peace Be With You)

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "World Peace Prayer"

*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

Sacrament of Communion

Communion will be by intinction. Please come forward to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat. The juice is non-alcoholic. Gluten free is available as well.

Invitation to the Lord's Table Bart Roush

The Great Thanksgiving (*on screens*) Mary Koon

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.

Words of Institution Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Sharing of the Bread & Cup Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Prayer following Communion Bart Roush

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

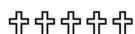
We Go Forth in God's Name

***Closing Hymn** "O for a World" 372

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Patsy Fisk** | Percussion: **Ella Ortner & Caitlin Lucic;**

Vocalists: **Chancel Choir** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

Signers: **Nat Myers & Marikay Wolf** | Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson & Chris Diller;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Jan Ahlquist**,
in *memory* of *husband Allen*.

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

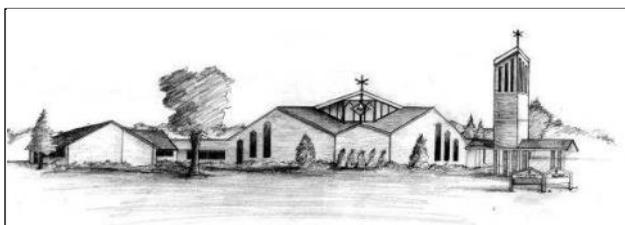
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

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.

This Sunday's Greeter:
Joyce Reinke



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

Upcoming Memorial Service

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Ken Hanson at Oak Grove
10:30 am Visitation, 11:30 am Service,
12:30 pm Interment (Fort Snelling)
Luncheon following at Oak Grove

Presbyterian Women Circle: Tuesday, Oct. 4 (7:00 pm)

All women are welcome and invited to join a circle Bible Study! Oak Grove has two Circles who meet for study, fellowship and outreach. Mary Pol, Bart Roush and Mary Koon will facilitate the study! New members are always welcome!

Evening Star Circle: meets the first Tuesday of the month, at Oak Grove; led by Connie Nesbitt.

Singles Fellowship: Monday, Oct. 10 (5:00 pm)

Singles Fellowship is a group of single adults who get together at Zeke's Place (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd) for socialization and support. No need to RSVP. Questions? Contact Jane Jacobson at 612-267-9068.

Soul Sisters: Monday, Oct. 10 (7:00 pm)

We will gather at church for a time to check in and share fellowship and support. All women are invited, no RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, Oct. 11 (noon) *Note date change for October*

Join us for "*Burgers 'n' Brew*" at Zeke's Place (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd). This event pairs young(er) and old(er) men for a time of fellowship while enjoying lunch. Pick up someone who needs a ride and develop new friendships. Questions? Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991).

CPR/AED Training: Saturday, Oct. 15 (9 am to 1 pm)

Just a couple spots remain. 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.

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

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Oak Rovers Planning Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 15 (5:30 pm)

We will gather at the home of Don Wagner (Applewood Pointe, 8341 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington) for a catered dinner (lasagna, salad, breadstick & dessert) to plan upcoming events and there will be a surprise activity. The cost for dinner is \$12. Sign up and pay in church Oct. 2 or 9. Questions? Contact Don Wagner at 952-831-4460.

Golden Harvest Celebration: Sunday, Oct. 16

Please join us following worship (11:30 am) in Gideon Pond Hall for the annual Golden Harvest Celebration! All members who are 80 years or older, and any friend-to-friends, are invited. We'll enjoy a delicious meal, entertainment, and each other's company. We can help with transportation to lunch if needed, just let us know when you RSVP.

Invitations have been sent and we can't wait to see all of you in person! RSVP by calling the church office at 952-888-4621 or emailing ogpc@oakgrv.org. If you would like to volunteer for the Golden Harvest dinner, please let us know by calling or emailing the church office.

WEEKLY

WoW! Dinner & Programs: Wednesdays

This mid-week gathering is a time of fellowship. Join the church family; no reservations are needed. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and each meal includes salad and dessert. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Faith Formation begins at 6:15 pm and choir will rehearse at 7:15 pm.

Oct. 5: Pasta

Oct. 12: Baked Potato Bar

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Thursdays

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

Adult Bible Study: Thursdays

Join Pastor Bart and/or Pastor Mary each week on Thursdays (noon–1:00 pm) via Zoom to look at the scripture that will be the basis for the sermon the following Sunday. No pre-reading is needed. We will read the scripture together and then dive in!

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Book'Em! Used Book Sale

The 2022 Book'Em Annual Used Book Sale will be held Oct. 8–22, with Preview Night Friday, Oct. 7, at former Toys R Us store located in the NE corner of Southtown Shopping Center (Penn Ave S & I-494). Sale hours are 12–7 pm (Mon–Fri) and 11am–5 pm (Sat–Sun). Cash or check only.

Profits from the sales go to agencies in Bloomington involved in crime prevention. We need your donations and sales. Thanking you in advance.

Heads up on voting!

Absentee and early voting for the Nov. 8 general election begins Friday, Sept. 23. Questions can be directed to City Clerk's Office, 952-563-8729, or visit blm.mn/voting for more information.

Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition

Churches in the Bloomington-Richfield area are working together to provide free support and education for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. You can start any series at any time. There is no commitment on attendance and no cost, just show up!

Group meetings are held on Thursdays, 4:30–6:00 pm at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church (9900 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington). For more information, please visit <https://brgriefcoalition.com>.

Oct. 6: The Puzzle Called Grief

Oct. 13: Where is God in My Grief?

Pledging for 2023

Remember the Past. Engage the Present. Embrace the Future.

Oak Grove continues to be one of the most generous churches in the Twin Cities Presbytery. Even in uncertain times, Oak Grovers give generously to our church, our community, and beyond.

Write on the enclosed paper doll about past church projects that has inspired your giving and place it in the offering plate.