

I am the Bread of Life



*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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Sept. 4, 2022

13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“The beauty of anti-racism is that you don't have to pretend to be free of racism to be an anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it's the only way forward.”

– Ijeoma Oluo, American Writer & Speaker

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Jane Propsom

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.

“Whoever comes to me will never be hungry.”

Whoever comes to Christ will never be thirsty.

“Lord, give us this bread, always.”

May we come to God with hungry hearts;

May we come to Jesus with thirsty souls.

May we find fulfillment in the body of Christ;

May we worship God, knowing the fullness of God's love for us.

***Opening Hymn**

“Here in This Place” (vss 1, 3-4)

401

***Prayer of Confession**

Jane Propsom

God of All, we come to you with broken hearts. We confess to you that we have fallen short. We have broken faith with one another and with you. Our hearts have been led astray by the promises of the world. We have failed to live into your intention for our lives. We have failed to view your image in one another. We have taken what we wanted and taken it for granted and have harmed others in the process. Forgive us, so that our hearts might heal, and fill us with your love for one another. Restore us fully to you, O God, and help us to seek forgiveness, reparation, and restoration wherever possible. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Jane Propsom

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Blessed are we when we seek the right ways of God; blessed are we when we pursue justice.

We are forgiven, loved and restored on our journey of faith. We will go with full hearts, wise minds, and the spirit of God, to love and forgive and bring healing to our broken world. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Jane Propsom

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

Hymn of Response “God of Great and God of Small” (verse 1) 19

**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 John 6:22–35 (NT: p. 98 | LPNT: p. 119) Bart Roush

Message Bart Roush

Hymn of Response “Take, O Take Me as I Am” 698
(please remain seated)

“I Am” Moment Stephen Jones

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Build a Longer Table” *David Bjorlin*

***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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer following Communion

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**

"For Everyone Born" (vss 1, 3, 5)

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***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Jane Proptom** | Speaker: **Stephen Jones** | Vocalists: **Summer Singers;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Margaret Koch,**

in *memory* of *husband Paul*, and

Mitzi Pickard, in *memory* of *husband Jim*.

Greeters: **Rory & Nancy Scott**

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

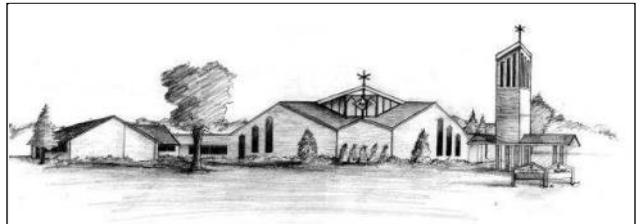
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

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.

***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

Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, Sept. 6 (noon)

Join us for "Burgers 'n' Brew" the first Tuesday of the month 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 Gordon Beattie at 952-941-0742.

Oak Rovers: Friday, Sept. 9 (6:00 pm)

Oak Rovers is a group of members and friends, mostly over 50 but all are welcome, from Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. There is no membership or specific group leader, just individuals willing to organize and make an event happen.

Please join us at St. Bonaventure Church (901 E 90th St) for a chicken dinner (\$13). It is the beginning of their Fall Festival which continues on Saturday. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 7 to George Wasson (952-240-1525).

The nursery is open on Sundays!

We are super excited to open our nursery to children from birth–4 years on Sundays during worship! Our new childcare workers, are Anji Chadwick and Brandy Bliss.

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 in 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 (952-888-2114)

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Presbyterian Women Circles begin the week after Labor Day!

This year, our Horizons Bible Study is, "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight," and books are available in the church office. New members are always welcome!

Evening Star Circle: meets the first Tuesday of the month (Sept. 6th at 7 pm) at Oak Grove; led by Connie Nesbitt.

Goodrich Nord Circle: meets the second Wednesday of the month (Sept. 14th at 9 am) at Pres. Homes (9889 Penn Ave S, Bloomington) in the second-floor dining room in Gideon Pond; led by Meg Robles and Bev Heise.

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team: Monday, Sept. 12 (1:00 pm)

We will meet at the home of Bev Heise (9850 Colorado Rd), all are welcome.

Singles Fellowship: Monday, Sept. 12 (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, Sept. 12 (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.

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

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

Kids can try building model wind turbines at our KidWind wind tunnel. Talks by experts will tell you all you need to know to get plugged in.

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

Woven Voices Concert: Sunday, Sept. 18 (2:00 pm) at Oak Grove

Woven Voices will be presenting their Make-Up Spring Concert. This event will follow Oak Grove's Covid protocols based on the current community risk level for Hennepin County, and you must be COVID symptom-free to attend. Free will offer gratefully accepted; no ticket required.

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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. No registration is required, just show up in the church parking lot. Questions? 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. 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.

NAMIWalks 5K Walk and Resource Fair: Saturday, Sept. 24

Donations support the core mission of [NAMI Minnesota](#), providing mental health education, support and advocacy.

The Walk will take place at Minnehaha Park (4801 S Minnehaha Dr, Minneapolis). The event starts at 11 am and the walk begins at 1 pm. Let Cecelia Laurie (205-292-5242 or calaurie78@gmail.com) know if you are interested in participating in the Walk together.

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

Upcoming Events

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

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

Memorial Services

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/