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OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431

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Sept. 11, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“A democracy cannot thrive where power remains unchecked and justice is reserved for a select few. Ignoring these cries and failing to respond to this movement is simply not an option, for peace cannot exist where justice is not served.”

– Congressman John Lewis on the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Presentation of Gifts & Welcome Home

Call to Worship

Evan Wilkens

God has created each of us, a seedling ready to bloom;

Come, be nurtured by the water of the Spirit.

God is birthing something new in creation and in us;

Come, the Spirit is bringing forth new life!

God is leading us into a new way of being;

Come, Christ has taught us the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Come, worship God, breathe in the Spirit, and follow Christ;

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

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*Prayer of Confession

Evan Wilkens

Creator God, you made this world, the mountains that rise tall, the oceans that carve depths, the winds and the waves. You made everything that lives and moves, and you made us. In times of uncertainty, O God, we confess our fears. We confess our worries, we confess our frailty. We confess that our faith has been shaken at times.

We call upon you, Great Creator, to work in us, to restore and renew our faith through your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Console us. Help us to deepen our trust in you by our faithfulness in love to each other. Remind us of the call to love our neighbors as ourselves, and through that love, may we find your love is with us, all along. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Evan Wilkens

Plant this good news deep in your thoughts: God loves us; God forgives us; God strengthens us for service .

May God's compassion make us more passionate to serve; may God's forgiveness make us more merciful; may God's love make us more loving to everyone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Evan Wilkens

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: Third Grade Bible Presentation

Hymn of Response

“Jesus Loves Me!” (verse 1)

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Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Scripture

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 (NT: p. 13 | LPNT: p. 16)

Bart Roush

Message

Bart Roush

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “What A Gift To Be Gathered”

Alonso/Haugen

*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**

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

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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: **Evan Wilkens** | Vocalists: **Chancel Choir;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Chris Diller, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Bob & Sandy Crum**,
in *honor* of *granddaughters Eleanor & Althea*, and
Pat Boehne, in *memory* of *husband Bill*.

Greeters: **Dick & Marilyn Twete**



The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of
Walter Eugene Snyder, born on Aug. 26, 2022.

Parents are Cameron & Maya, and
proud grandparents are Russ & Cassie Snyder.

Welcome Walter!

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.



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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Join us **Saturday, Sept. 17 (11 am to 3 pm)** in the Oak Grove parking lot for the annual EV Expo which is free and open to the public. 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 and an electric school bus from Eastern Carver County will be on display. Kids can try their hand at building model wind turbines in our KidWind wind tunnel.

There will also be many e-bikes, e-mowers, e-snow blowers and other electric toys and tools to try out. Talks by experts will tell you all you need to know to get plugged in.

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

EV EXPO 2022



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 RSVP is needed. 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.

Presbyterian Women Circles: Wednesday, Sept. 14 (9 am)

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!

Goodrich Nord Circle: meets the second Wednesday of the month at Pres. Homes (9901 Penn Ave S, Bloomington) in the second-floor dining room in Gideon Pond; led by Meg Robles and Bev Heise.

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 begins: Thursday, Sept. 15 (12–1:00 pm)

Join Pastor Bart and/or Pastor Mary each week via Zoom to look at the scripture that will be the basis for the sermon the following Sunday. We will read the scripture together and then dive in!

Men's Mentor Group: Thursday, Sept. 15 (8:00 pm)

Join other men of Oak Grove as we discuss topics of interest, share joys and concerns, and explore and encourage one another in our faith. The group is open to all, no RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Bart.

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Faith Formation for all ages begins: Sunday, Sept. 18

- Adults (9–10 am) in the Sanctuary; join us in the social hall after for coffee.
- Children & Youth (9:15–10:15 am) in their respective rooms.

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.

Ladies Who Lunch: Wednesday, Sept. 21 (Noon)

We will meet at the home of Bev Heise (9850 Colorado Rd), to discuss the book "My Beloved World" by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. A light lunch will be provided. All women are welcome, even if you haven't read the book, and no RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

WoW! Dinner & Programs begin: Wednesday, Sept. 21

This mid-week gathering is a time of fellowship. Join the church family; no reservations are needed. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm. 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.

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

Once again, Presbyterian Homes will hold a birthday parade to celebrate those who turn 100+ at 3:30 pm. We hope that many in the Oak Grove community will turn out to wish Glenn Pettit "Happy 102" (July) and Evelyn Melum "Happy 103" (Oct)! This year, you are invited to join the parade by foot or car.

Singles Group Wine Tasting: Friday, Sept. 23 (10:45 am)

We will meet in the church parking lot to carpool to Alexis Bailey Winery near Hastings. Plan to pack a bag lunch to enjoy with our wine tasting. No RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Sharon Nolte at 952-884-1014.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

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 know (205-292-5242 or calaurie78@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in the Walk together.

Victor Zupanc Concert: Sunday, Sept. 25 (3:00 pm) at Oak Grove

Acclaimed composer/performer Victor Zupanc and long-time music director/composer at Children's Theatre Company and Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, will be performing a concert titled, "*Welcome to My World.*"

This concert will feature Victor and several other musicians, including Oak Grove members Jessi McKinnon, Emma Wasko, and Caitlin Lucic. Free will donation (\$15 suggested price but pay what you can). There will be no presale or electronic payment. Cash or check at the door.

Expressive Art Through Collage: *only a couple of spaces remain*

This three-session series on Tuesdays (9/27, 10/04 & 10/11) for women will focus on self-care, resiliency and hope as we express ourselves through the creation of collages. The series will be facilitated by Gloria Larsen and will take place at Oak Grove (10am to Noon). To register, call the church office (952-888-4621).

Golden Harvest Dinner: Sunday, Oct. 16 (following worship)

Food and fellowship for those 80+ years old and friends-to-friends.