

*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. 25, 2022**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am**



**A Thought to Ponder** (from the Social Justice Committee)

*“Lighthouses don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining.”*

– Anne Lamott, American novelist

## We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"People Get Ready"

*Curtis Mayfield*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Presentation of Gifts & Welcome Home

Call to Worship

Noel Eggebraaten

We gather to worship to affirm the warmth of our faith, giving thanks,

**For the connectedness that forms whenever Christ convenes us, for the caring that marks us as a church community.**

We gather to worship to receive the nourishment of our faith, giving thanks,

**For the prayers that strengthen our spirits, for the energizing power of the Holy Spirit through the word.**

We gather to worship to celebrate the texture of our faith, giving thanks,

**For the diversity that characterizes us as a family, for the multiple ministries that call us into God's service. We give heartfelt thanks for a faith to savor and to share. Let us worship God.**

\*Opening Hymn

"Let All Things Now Living"

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\*Prayer of Confession

Noel Eggebraaten

**Creator God, you have placed a treasure deep inside each of us – a moment of insight, a mountain of affirmation, a sense of God's love. Yet how often we treat one another with a harshness that bruises the soul, an indifference that wounds the spirit. We have been given the precious gift of caring for each other, guarding each other's light, proclaiming the gospel of love. Forgive us for handing the gift with heavy hands and hardened hearts. Open our eyes to the wonder of each person and to your abundant grace that heals our brokenness and restores our faith.**

## Assurance of Grace

Noel Eggebraaten

God is at work in us and with us!

**God is our clothing in which love enwraps us, grace holds us, and mercy enfolds us.**

We are held in love—in woe as in well—by the goodness of God.

**God urges us, “Keep the word near you, even on your lips and in your heart.”**

As we worship today, with the word on our lips and in our hearts,

**We experience the salvation of God for all manner of things in our lives. In the promise, presence, and power of God for all manner of things. Amen.**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Noel Eggebraaten

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

“You Are So Beautiful”

*Billy Preston*

#### Scripture

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 (NT: p. 14 | LPNT: p. 17)

#### Message

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

#### Call to Offering

#### Anthem/Offertory

“The River's Gonna Keep On Rollin’”

*Amy Grant*

## \*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.**

## Recognition & Thanksgiving for Faithful Service

**Eternal God, look mercifully upon your servant, Kate, whose particular service we recognize today. We praise you for joys and accomplishments and for your grace which has nurtured and sustained us. You have deepened our joy and lightened our sorrow. We will miss her love and support, yet we rejoice that she will now bless others as she has blessed us. Faithful God, keep, preserve, and protect Kate all her days. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may she continue to be salt of the earth and light for the world. Amen.**

## We Go Forth in God's Name

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Give Thanks" (sung twice)

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

"What a Wonderful World" *Bob Theile & George Weiss*

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Liturgist: **Noel Eggebraaten;**

Guest Musician: **Victor Zupanc** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

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

Chancel flowers are given by **John & Jeri Anderson,**  
in ***honor of their family*** and **friends of Ken Hanson,**  
in ***memory of what would have been his 102nd birthday.***

# 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.

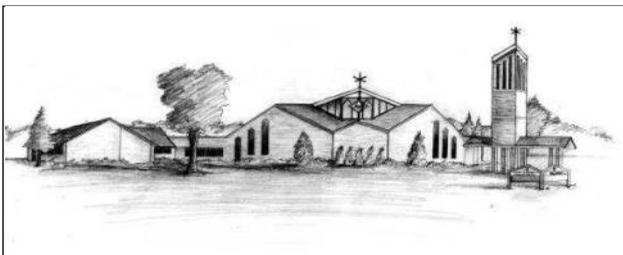
We always welcome your suggestions.

This Sunday's Greeters:  
**Bob & Pamara Ritter**

## **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.



## **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.

[ogpc@oakgrv.org](mailto:ogpc@oakgrv.org)

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## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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](mailto:carol.osweiler@gmail.com) or 952-237-5894.

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

We will gather at the home of Don Wagner (8341 Lyndale Ave S #222, Bloomington) for dinner, bingo and to plan upcoming events. Please let us know you are coming by contacting Patsy Fisk at 952-977-9900.

Oak Rovers is a group of members and friends (mostly over 50 but all are welcome) from Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. Among our activities are dining, attending events (plays, musicals, concerts, etc.), card parties and member suggestions. There is no membership or specific group leader, just individuals willing to organize and make an event happen. We hope to see you there!

### **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 will be sent out soon. 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](mailto: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.

### **Thank You, Good Neighbor!**

The Friendship Committee invites you to help us celebrate those who work hard to make our community safe and welcoming and loving!

On behalf of Oak Grove, we hope to recognize and encourage those who put extra effort into our community. Nominate an organization by filling out an online Google form (<https://bit.ly/3omIRUo>) or by calling the church office and sharing your idea. Thank you!

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

Sept. 28: Breakfast for dinner

Oct. 5: Pasta

### **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!

### **Deacon Health Ministry: Request for Home Medical Equipment**

Do you have medical equipment that you are not using any more? If so, we would love to accept donations of gently used, fully functioning equipment that we can lend to others when they might need it.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Jim McCarl at 952-948-2991 or [jimccar133@gmail.com](mailto:jimccar133@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming Memorial Services**

Friday, Sept. 30: Jan Grobe memorial service at Oak Grove (11 am)

Saturday, Oct. 1: Austin Ritterspach memorial service at Oak Grove (2 pm)

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Ken Hanson memorial service at Oak Grove (11:30 am)

Saturday, Oct. 22: Duane Sudman Celebration of Life at Oak Grove (2 pm)

Saturday, Oct. 29: Bob Brightman memorial service at Oak Grove (2 pm)

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

## Help Urban Homeworks Now

Contribute to a “**Welcome Basket**” for new residents in the Urban Homeworks program by purchasing item(s) listed on the “Wish List” that can be found on the Supportive Housing display in the narthex or by [clicking here](#). Cash donations are also welcome, and we will shop for you. If you prefer to pay by check, make it out to “*Oak Grove Church*” and include on the memo line “*Supportive Housing.*”

Donations can be dropped off at church anytime. The last Sunday to drop off donations is Oct. 2. **Thank you for caring!**

## Born Again Jocks Pancake Breakfast & Scholarship Program

Sunday, Oct. 2, at Bloomington Events Center (aka KC Hall) 8a m to 1:00 pm  
The cost is \$8 (children under 6 eat for free) and includes pancakes, sausage and beverages. There will be a silent auction, BAJ merchandise and good fellowship.  
For additional information, contact Bob Swanson at 952-884-6532.

## 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.

## 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>.

Sept. 29: The Courage to Ask: Embracing Help on the Path of Healing