

*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. 9, 2022**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am**



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

*“The Lord is my Shepherd, and he knows I’m gay.” – Rev. Troy Perry*

## We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude**

Nocturne in Eb Major & Nocturne in F Minor *Frederic Chopin*

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Announcements**

**Presentation of Gifts & Welcome Home**

**Call to Worship** (*from Psalm 103:1–4*)

Bob Ritter

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me:

**Bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget what God has done for us;

**Bless God's holy name.**

God is the one who forgives us, who heals and restores us;

**Bless God's holy name.**

God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

**Bless God's holy name.**

Come, join our hearts in worship, in prayer and praise,

**And may we bless God's holy name.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” (vss 1–2 & 4)  
(sung to the tune *Tallis' Ordinal*)

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**\*Prayer of Confession**

Bob Ritter

**Forgiving God, we confess that we struggle to forgive one another. We resist forgiveness, for holding a grudge seems easier. Vengeance is more tempting. However, you have forgiven us, and called us into the hard work of forgiving those who sin against us, in the ways we still sin against one another. Help us to hold ourselves accountable, to do right where we can, and to make the initial steps in seeking forgiveness and forgiving others. Help us to know we are not alone, and grant us the wisdom to know the resources that can help us in this journey. In the name of Christ, who forgives us all, we pray. Amen.**

## Assurance of Grace

Bob Ritter

The peace of Christ is with you. God knows us and loves us for who we truly are. God knows our heart, and that we long to do right. Trust in God's ways and show mercy.

**We will pursue peace, love, and forgiveness. We are not alone. We are loved and carried by God. We will go and share the good news, loving and forgiving one another. Amen.**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Bob Ritter

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

### Reception of New Members

Carol Brightman

Rick & Sylvia Moore

Sue Gleason

Dick & Joyce Reinke

Betty Huisman

Erin Stenseth & Britt Wicklund

Dale & Jan Kidd

Linda & Wayne Vaughn

**In the name of Jesus, we welcome you to Oak Grove. We will celebrate the good news of Jesus with you and nourish our faith together. As followers of Jesus, we promise to work with you to bring God's love, peace, and justice to our church, community, nation and world. Thanks be to God who unites us!**

### 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 18:15–35 (NT: p. 20 | LPNT: p. 24)

**Message**

**Special Music**

“Light One Candle”

*Peter Yarrow*

**Faith Talk**

Bob Heise

**Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory**

“I Want to Live”

*John Denver*

**\*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**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?”

*Eliza E. Hewitt/John Robson Sweeney*

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;

Liturgist: **Bob Ritter** | Faith Talk Speaker: **Bob Heise**;

Musicians: **Adam Baus**, piano (music director at Church of St. Rita in Cottage Grove), **Nick Samsal**, guitar & **Caitlin Lucic**, percussion;

Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen**;

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

Chancel flowers are given by **Tom Mielke**,  
in *memory* of *wife Lynda*.

## Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

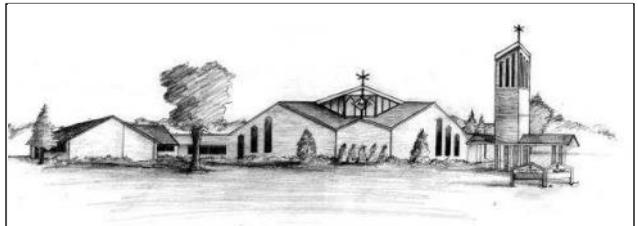
**Welcome, Oak Grove  
members and visitors, we're  
glad you're here!**

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:  
**John & Jeri Anderson**



### **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

### **Congregational Conversation: Sunday, Oct. 9**

Every church needs to be able to answer three questions. These are, “*Who are we?*” “*Who is our neighbor?*” and “*What is God calling us to be and do?*”

Spending time in discernment to arrive at possible answers to these questions allows the church to respond faithfully to God’s calling. Following worship, Pastor Bart will lead the discussion, “Exploring the purpose and meaning of church and what that means for Oak Grove.”

### **Coffee Hour!**

We are looking for hosts to greet folks and set out treats for the coffee hour on Sunday mornings. Coffee is available starting at 9 am – enjoy a cup during our Adult Faith formation. The social hall is open for coffee and conversation from 10–10:30. If you are willing to host, and can arrive at church around 8:45 am, please let the church office (952-888-4621) know.

### **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)**

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).

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Goodrich Nord Circle: Wednesday, Oct. 12 (9 am)**

Oak Grove has two Presbyterian Women Circles who meet for study, fellowship and outreach. Presbyterian Women is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, get to know other people at church, and make a difference in the lives of women and children around the world. Mary Pol, Bart Roush and Mary Koon will facilitate the study! New members are always welcome!

The Goodrich Nord Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month (Oct. 12 at 9 am) at Pres. Homes (9901 Penn Ave S, Bloomington) in the second-floor dining room in Gideon Pond and is led by Meg Robles and Bev Heise.

### **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 (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 Dinner: Oct 16, 11:30 am (right after worship)**

The Deacons are planning a lovely dinner to honor those 80 and over and our Friend-to-Friend partners. If you have received an invitation to the dinner and have not RSVP'd please do so by Monday, Oct. 10. We need to order food and want to make sure to include as many as possible. Thank you!

### **Fall Cleanup Day: Saturday, Oct. 22 (9 am to Noon)**

We will be cleaning up the church grounds to get them ready for the winter season. We will be raking and bagging leaves, trimming bushes, and doing some window cleaning. Please bring a rake, a pair of mittens and other trimming tools. We will take a break for coffee, juice and rolls at around 10 am. Your help will be appreciated by the Building & Operations Committee.

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

## WoW! Dinner & Programs: Wednesdays

This mid-week gathering is a time of fellowship; 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. ***No chancel choir rehearsal on Oct. 12.***

Oct. 12: Baked Potato Bar

Oct. 19: *WoW! is on hiatus for MEA Weekend*

## Bloomington Kennedy High School Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, Oct. 16 (8 am to Noon)

Location: Bloomington Events Center  
(1114 American Blvd W)

Come support Oak Grove youth Belle Sheff and this year's fabulous show choir! Purchase tickets from Belle or online by [clicking here](#). Can't make it and still want to support? Simply purchase a ticket and it will go to their general fund. Contact Lisa Sheff with questions at [lsheff@isd271.org](mailto:lsheff@isd271.org). Thank you!



The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of  
**Arlo John Anderson**, born on Oct. 2, 2022.  
Mother is Jaime Anderson, and  
and proud grandparents are John & Jeri Anderson.

**Welcome Arlo!**

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## Pledging for 2023

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

Pledging helps each of us align our financial support with our values, and it helps Oak Grove with budgeting and program planning. Pledge cards can be filled out and mailed to the church office, or hold on to it and present it during worship on Oct. 23. You may also make your pledge online at [www.oakgrv.org/pledge/](http://www.oakgrv.org/pledge/).

Write on the enclosed paper doll about why you give today in the **present**. Place it in the offering plate or the collection box located in the narthex following the service.