

*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. 16, 2022**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am**



'Red Vineyards at Arles' (1888) by Vincent Van Gogh ([www.wikiart.org](http://www.wikiart.org))

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

*“People-trafficking is modern day slavery. There are more slaves today than there were at the height of the slave trade.” – Ross Kemp, English Actor*

## We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Announcements**

**Presentation of Gifts & Welcome Home**

**Call to Worship**

Grace Thomas

For the beauty of the autumn day,

**And the comfort of friends nearby;**

For the invitation to love and be loved,

**For God who extends that call;**

For time set apart to nourish the soul,

**For time to go out into the world ready to share God's love:**

For all these things we give thanks.

**Let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vss 1–2, 4–5)

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**\*Prayer of Confession**

Grace Thomas

**Loving God, we count on your mercy, yet expect you to punish the wicked. We serve you in faith, but when we get frustrated that others don't, we forget the joy of ministry. Forgive us for the times when we meet your generosity with complaint and the ways we pout at your generosity to others. Have mercy upon us for the sin in our hands and in our hearts. Free us to live generously and share your grace and love abundantly....**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Grace Thomas

Hear the good news: what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing. God hears our complaints, but also our prayers. God will not forget us. In Christ's name, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

Grace Thomas

As God's beloved community, let us greet one another with a sign of peace. 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**

Oak Grove Children's Choir

"Our God is a Great Big God"

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

### **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 20:1–16 (NT: p. 21 | LPNT: p. 26)

### **Message**

Mary Koon

### **Faith Talk (video)**

Joey Oslund

### **Presentation of Tithes & Offerings**

**Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory** "Give Me Jesus"

*arr. Harlan*

### **\*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

"Lord of all Hopefulness" (vss 1–2 & 4)

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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: **Grace Thomas** | Faith Talk Speaker: **Joey Oslund;**

Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

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

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

Chancel flowers are given by **the Greimel Family**,  
in *memory* of **Sue's dad Skip**, and **Linda & Greg Johnson**,  
in *memory* of **their parents**.

# Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

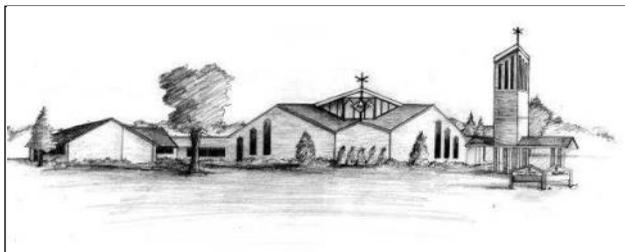
**Welcome, Oak Grove  
members and visitors, we're  
glad you're here!**

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:  
**Anne Klueh**



## **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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**Augsburg Centennial Singers Concert  
Sunday, Oct. 30 (4:00 pm) at Oak Grove**



## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Ladies Who Lunch: Wednesday, Oct. 19 (noon)**

We will meet in the second-floor community room of Founder's Ridge Brownstone East (6610 Auto Club Rd, Bloomington) to discuss the book, "Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times" by Katherine May.

Wintering is a quiet book that offers insights, stories and suggestions for dealing with difficult times. All women who enjoy reading are invited to this group! A light lunch will be provided. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

### **Men's Mentor Group: Thursday, Oct. 20 (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 meets the third Thursday of the month at church and is open to all; no need to RSVP. Questions? Contact Pastor Bart.

### **Contribution Statements**

Statements have been sent out this past week covering donations/offerings from Jan. 1 through Sept. 30. We invite you to review your statement for accuracy. Please contact Laura Nemcek with any questions at 952-512-2052 or [LNemcek@oakgrv.org](mailto:LNemcek@oakgrv.org).

### **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.

### **Trunk or Treat: Saturday, Oct. 29 (10:30 am)**

Join us in the Oak Grove parking lot. Decorate your vehicle and bring a treat to share with Oak Grove families and neighbors! Please plan to arrive by 10:15 am to set up. We hope to see you there!

### **Augsburg Centennial Singers Concert Sunday, Oct. 30 (4:00 pm) at Oak Grove**

The Augsburg Centennial Singers, a 45-member men's chorus under the direction of Dick Duncan, will be performing a concert in the sanctuary. A free-will offering will be received. Music for the concert includes familiar hymns, songs of praise, gospel selections and patriotic music. Come and enjoy an afternoon of stimulating music!

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### All Saints Sunday: Nov. 6

On All Saints' Day, we celebrate the promise of everlasting life. We will be reciting the names and ringing the bell during worship for each Oak Grove member who has joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Day.

If someone close to you, whom you want listed, has died in the past year (Nov. 1, 2021–Oct. 31, 2022), please send the name of the person, birth and death dates, relationship to you and a photo, if possible, to [sgjerset@oakgrv.org](mailto:sgjerset@oakgrv.org) by Tuesday, Nov. 1.

### Reminder to set your clocks back: Sunday, Nov. 6

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 2:00 am so remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to sleep on Saturday!

### 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/3omlRUo>) or by calling the church office and sharing your idea. Thank you!

### Chancel Flower Sign-up!

Every week beautiful flowers grace the Sanctuary. Contributing flowers is a way to glorify God and beautify the chancel area. The contribution can be in honor or memory of someone, in celebration of milestone events or as thanksgiving for friends and family. Your dedication will appear in the Sunday bulletin for your chosen date.

There are two arrangements available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. After Sunday service, you are welcome to bring your arrangement home or, if you prefer, the Deacons can bring it to someone on the prayer list. Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 or [urbanfields2.1@g.com](mailto:urbanfields2.1@g.com) to sign up and reserve your special date.

### Upcoming Memorial Services

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

## WEEKLY

### 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 to enjoy a cup during our Adult Faith Formation. The social hall is open for coffee and conversation from 10–10:30 am. If you are willing to host, and can arrive at church around 8:45 am, please let the church office (952-888-4621) know.

### 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 and choir will rehearse at 7:15 pm.

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

Oct. 26: Chicken & Mashed Potatoes

### 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

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!

## 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/).

**DREAM BIG.** If your gift in 2023 could be used to fix any **future** problem, how would you want your monies spent? Please write on the enclosed paper doll and place it in the offering plate or the collection box located in the narthex following the service.