

*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  
952-888-4621 | [www.oakgrv.org](http://www.oakgrv.org)

**Oct. 23, 2022**

**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am**



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

*“Trauma creates change you don’t choose. Healing is about creating change you do choose.”* – Michelle Rosenthal, Founder of [HealMyPTSD.com](http://HealMyPTSD.com)

## We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Vaughn Sheff

All that we are is a gift from God.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,**

All that we have is a gift from God.

**The world, and those who live in it;**

We worship a generous and loving God!

**We will praise God as long as we have breath.**

We give thanks for God's good gifts.

**We give thanks for God's help in times of need.**

We give thanks for God's mercy in times of trouble.

**We know that God will always be with us.**

Let us worship God!

**Praise God from who all blessings flow!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"God of Great and God of Small"

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**\*Prayer of Confession**

Vaughn Sheff

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace**

Vaughn Sheff

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!

**If God is for us, who is against us? Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.**

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

Vaughn Sheff

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**

"We Lift Our Voices"

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**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering, we are an offering.**

#### **Scripture**

Matthew 22:1–14 (NT: p. 24 | LPNT: p. 29)

#### **Message**

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

#### **Call to Offering**

#### **Anthem/Offertory**

"Come Build a Church"

*Ken Medema*

## **\*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.**

## **Prayer of Dedication and Dedication of Our 2023 Pledges**

We dedicate the pledges we have received and those we have yet to receive.

**Loving God, you have given us life and freedom. Everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. You call us to be stewards of the gifts you give us. May these pledges be used to make sure all are welcome here; bring relief to the suffering; feed the hungry; clothe the poor; give shelter to those who need it; and bring justice to the oppressed.**

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we are saying yes to following you. As we look forward to the coming year open our eyes to what is possible in your sight. May we be part of the adventure that comes when serving you with our whole heart and being. May we continue to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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**

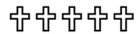
"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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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: **Vaughn Sheff** | Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder, Randy Dop & Ruth Dukelow;**

Chancel flowers are given by **the Greimel Family,**  
in *memory* of **Al's mother, Dawn Greimel.**

## Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

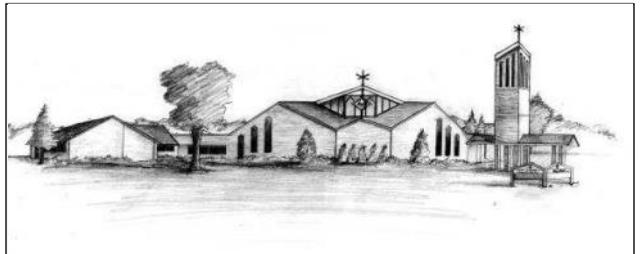
**Welcome, Oak Grove  
members and visitors, we're  
glad you're here!**

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:  
**Nancy Kachel**



### **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

### **Antiracism Accountability Group: Thursday, Oct. 27 (6:30–8:00 pm)**

All are welcome and invited to join our conversation. The group meets the fourth Thursday of the month via Zoom (<https://bit.ly/3JQoN4l>).

We are folks interested in gathering to hold ourselves accountable in the pursuit of anti-racism. Newcomers and all are welcome to come knowing something or nothing about that; we're all seeking to grow from wherever it is we are starting.

### **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!

### **Upcoming Memorial Service**

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

### **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!

### **Oak Rovers: Monday, Nov. 7 (5:00 pm)**

Join us at Willie McCoy's (10700 France Ave) for burgers (half price) and beer (two-for-one). We have reservations for 20 people but can accommodate more. Call George Wasson (952 240 1525) to reserve your place by Nov. 1, 2022.

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!

## 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!

### **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. Contact Jim McCarl at 952-948-2991 or [jjmccarl33@gmail.com](mailto:jjmccarl33@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute.

### **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. 26: Chicken & Mashed Potatoes

Nov. 2: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

#### **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).

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

## 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!

## Volunteer to Help Children Learn!

The Homework Connection program in the Bloomington schools is in search of volunteers to offer after school support to 3rd–5th grade students by assisting with targeted classroom assignments. Training is provided! Below are the locations that are looking for volunteers:

Indian Mounds Elementary: Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:20-4:15p

Westwood Elementary: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:20-4:15p

Washburn Elementary: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:20-4:15p

Volunteer opportunities start Nov. 7 and continue throughout the school year until April 2023. For further information, contact Emily Gagnon at [egagnon@isd271.org](mailto:egagnon@isd271.org) or 952-681-6293.

## 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>.

Oct. 20: How to Work Through Trauma & Grief

Oct. 27: Fresh Start for Your Family Estate Plan After a Death

## 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/).