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seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.*

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OAK GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431
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Oct. 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“No human race is superior; no religious faith is inferior. All collective judgments are wrong. Only racists make them.” – Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor

Prelude

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” & “Be Still My Soul”

Hand Bells

Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Church Arises

Call to Worship

Sharon Solomon

Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God, that we may celebrate the witness of those that came before us that gave birth to the Reformation.

Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present days.

May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts be one that forms our own faith.

Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church and be present to us as we worship you!

***Opening Hymn**

“When in Our Music God is Glorified” (vss 1, 3 & 5)

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***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

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who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Sharon Solomon

When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways:

Have mercy on us, O God.

When we want to honor your “still speaking voice”, but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

Have mercy on us, O God.

When we want to live into Jesus’ dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference:

Have mercy on us, O God.

Assurance of Grace

Sharon Solomon

Take heart; God is faithful, Jesus is calling to us, and the Spirit will walk with us.

We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.

***Passing of the Peace**

Sharon Solomon

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.*)

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Hymn of Response

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” (refrain, verse 4, refrain) 291

The Church is Reformed

Scripture Romans 1:16–17; 3:21–24; 5:1–5; 12:1–2

The Scots Confession

Hymn of Response “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (verse 1) 275

The Heidelberg Catechism

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of evil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Jesus Loves Me” *arr. Hassell*

***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**

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds, planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly so that God’s way may be realized anew in this world. Amen.

The Westminster Standards

Q. 1. What is the chief and highest end of humanity?

A. Humanity's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy him forever.

Q. 33. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all privileges, of the children of God.

Q. 35. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

Q. 36. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. [A]ssurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Prayers of the People

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

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.

Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" (verse 1) 321

And Always Being Reformed...

Barmen Confession

Hymn of Response "Live into Hope" (vss 1 & 3) 772

Confession of 1967

Hymn of Response "Spirit of the Living God" 288

Belhar Confession

We believe that God has revealed himself as the One who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; ...

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

that God calls the Church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; ...

that the Church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;

that in following Christ the Church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

*Hymn of Response "Goodness is Stronger than Evil" (stanza 1, sung twice) 750

*Benediction: A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

As you go forth from this place, go with the love of God who created you, the peace of Christ who saved you, and the Holy Spirit who reforms, renews, and refreshes you, today, tomorrow, and evermore.

Amen.

Postlude

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hand Bells

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

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

Musicians: **Handbell Choir** | Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

Liturgist: **Sharon Solomon** | Saxophone: **Dale Copeland;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin, Greg Johnson & Ruth Dukelow;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Dorothy Backstrom**,
in *memory* of *husband, Don*, and **Diane Baumgartner**,
in *honor* of *father, Howard*, and in *memory* of, *mother Susan*.

**This service is adapted from “A Legacy of Faith Reformation Lessons and Carols” by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett © 2021



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Gordon Lester Beattie** (Oct. 24, 2022) who joined the church triumphant. “In Life and Death we belong to God.”

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:
Jeanne & Rick Wahtera



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



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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!

Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, Nov. 1 (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 at 952-948-2991.

Daylight Saving Time Ends: 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!

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 by Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Congregational Conversation: Sunday, Nov. 6 (11:30 am)

Approximately 60 members have been interviewed as part of the Discernment Process to discover what's next for Oak Grove.

Join Pastor Bart and members of the Discernment Leadership Team to hear about what they have learned so far.

Lunch will be provided by the youth for a small, suggested donation. Childcare will also be available. Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office (952-888-4621).

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

Join us at Willy McCoys (10700 France Ave) for burgers (half price) and beer (2-for-1). We have reservations for 20 people but can accommodate more. Call George Wasson (952-240-1525) to reserve your place by Nov. 1, 2022. We hope to see you there!

Gordon Beattie Memorial Service: Saturday, Nov. 12 (11:00 am)

Gordon's memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at 11 am at Oak Grove with visitation beginning at 10 am. Following the service, you are invited to join the family and friends in Gideon Pond Hall for a luncheon and continuing conversation around the table.

The service will also be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook for those unable to attend in person.

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 13 (11:30 am)

We will hold a hybrid congregational meeting (in person and via Zoom) following worship service to elect officers and Nominating Committee at-large members for 2023. Please join us in person if you are able. If you are worshipping on line, please join via zoom. A link will be sent out at a later date.

Singles Fellowship: Monday, Nov. 14 (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, Nov. 14 (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.

Make a Plan to Vote!

Election Day is a week away. You can still vote early (<https://bit.ly/2ImEVKp>), in-person up until Nov. 7 and avoid Election Day lines or dealing with an Election Day emergency that would prevent you from getting to the polls.

If you like voting the traditional way, make a plan to vote by confirming your registration, find your polling location (<https://bit.ly/2IFEiwV>) and check out what will be on your ballot (<https://bit.ly/2IlbyJF>). Go to mnvotes.gov for additional voting information.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY

Sunday Morning Hospitality!

Coffee, hot tea, and cold bubbly water are available on Sundays in time for joining Adult Faith Formation at 9:00 am.

The social hall is open for all to join in refreshment and conversation from 10–10:30 am. Please make plans to join any table. If you are willing to be a welcoming 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.

Nov. 2: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

Nov. 9: Chicken Tenders & Mac/Cheese

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). Questions? Contact Jack Kley at 952-831-4138.

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!

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 if you would like to contribute.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

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 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>.

Nov. 3: Energy Healing for Grief

Nov. 10: Preparing for the Holidays

Please note the Grief Support Coalition will take a holiday break until Jan. 6 when it resumes at Peace Lutheran Church (8600 E Bush Lake Rd, Bloomington 55438) and will continue through Feb. 24.

Pledging for 2023

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

Our sincere thanks to everyone who turned in your pledges. It's not too late, you can still pledge online at www.oakgrv.org/pledge/.