

*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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**Nov. 13, 2022**

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 am**



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

*“Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education.”*

– Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd U.S. President

## We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Announcements

Recognition of Veterans

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Sue Greimel

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations!

**With you there is no beginning or end. Our precious lives are but fleeting shadows to You.**

Let us feel your eternal love and grace in this time of worship.

Teach us to value each day as holy.

**Bless our lives with meaning and purpose as those designed to be your people. Let us worship God with body, mind and Spirit!**

\*Opening Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (vss 1, 4, 6)

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Call to Confession

\*Confession of Sin

Sue Greimel

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, our soul, our strength, our mind. Forgive us for the ways we have not loved our neighbors with compassion or not cared for our deepest needs. Transform our shallowness, enliven our imaginations, heal our wounded, broken places. Fill us with your spirit that we can be forgiven, even as we forgive others and ourselves. Call us home to you, where all is made new.**

\*Assurance of Grace

Sue Greimel

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus, God's loving arms embrace us. God's Spirit renews us. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

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

Sue Greimel

Beloved community, let us greet each other as children of God.  
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**

Children's Choir

"Asante Sana Yesu" & "Be Happy"

### **Scripture**

Matthew 25:14–30 (NT: p. 28 | LPNT: p. 34)

### **Message**

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

#### **Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory** "The Time for Turning"

*Courtney/Martin*

### **\*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.**

### **\*Hymn**

"For the Life That You Have Given"

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### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as  
a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired  
by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one  
another, and generous toward your world. 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

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound (vss 1–4)

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### \*Benediction

### Postlude

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

Presiding Pastor: **Mary Koon;**

Liturgist: **Sue Greimel** | Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Randy Dop & Ruth Dukelow;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Rod Myers;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Leona & Jack Kley**,  
in *memory* of **Jack's brother, Ed Kley, and all veterans**,  
and **Dorothy Beattie**, in *loving memory* of **husband, Gordon  
& grandson Sam**, and in *honor* of **grandson Peter**.

# Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

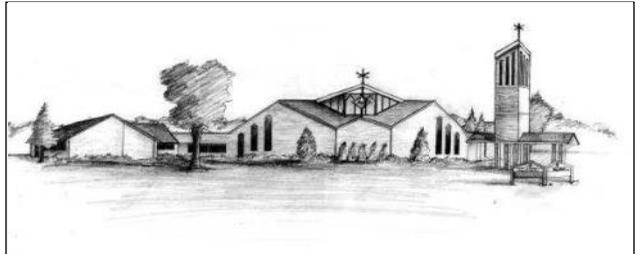
**Welcome, Oak Grove  
members and visitors, we're  
glad you're here!**

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:  
**John Crampton**



## **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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## **Concert at Oak Grove Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022 (7:30 pm)**

Woven Voices, a chamber choir composed of experienced sopranos and altos from various Minnesota-based choirs, will be presenting their Winter "Solstice" Concert, featuring Britten's Ceremony of Carols, and works by Hagen, Whitacre, Ešenvalds, Gardner, Rutter and Reese. Free will offering gratefully accepted. No ticket required. At this time, masking will be optional, and you must be COVID symptom-free to attend.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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 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.

### **Calling All Handcrafters & Bakers**

We will be holding a hybrid Alternative Christmas Marketplace on Sunday, Dec. 4, 9–10:30 am and following worship service. We are looking for donations of handcrafted items, as well as jams, baked good and other edibles.

All items will be priced for sale (no bidding/silent auction). If you are interested and able to make a donation, please contact Sharon Nolte at [sharonnolte@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonnolte@yahoo.com) or 952-884-1014.

### **Golden Name Tags**

Visitors to Oak Grove wear golden name tags. Welcome them by introducing yourself.

### **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.

### **Ladies Who Lunch:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 16 (noon)**

Please join us at the home of Joyce Reinke. We will enjoy a light lunch and discuss Louise Erdrich's most recent book, "The Sentence" Please contact Mary to RSVP and if you need Joyce's address. This group is open to all women who enjoy reading, lunching and sharing lively discussions.

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Antiracism Accountability Group: Thursday, Nov. 17 (6:30–8:00 pm)**

All are welcome and invited to join our conversation. The group typically 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 antiracism. Newcomers and all are welcome as we're all seeking to grow from wherever it is we are starting. Note: this group will be on hiatus for December.

### **Men's Mentor Group: Thursday, Nov. 17 (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.

### **Service of Gratitude: Wednesday, Nov. 23 (7:00 pm)**

Please join us for our annual "*Service of Gratitude*" on Thanksgiving Eve.

### **Presbyterian Women Knit Tree: Nov. 27–Dec. 11, 2022**

The Presbyterian Women's "Knit Tree" will be back up this year! Please help fill it with warm accessories (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.) for all sizes which will be donated to Cornerstone for their "Santa Shop" and beyond. Thanks for your help!

### **WEEKLY**

### **WoW! Dinner & Programs: Wednesdays**

This mid-week gathering is a time of fellowship; no reservations are needed. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and 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.

The Nov. 16 meal will be turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie. Please note, after Nov. 16, WoW! will be on hiatus until January 2023.

### **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.

# 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!

## 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!

## Contact Information Changes

If you move... or change your phone number or email address, please let the church know so we can update our records. Send any/all changes to [ogpc@oakgrv.org](mailto:ogpc@oakgrv.org) or call 952-888-4621. Thanks for helping us keep everyone connected!

## 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 [urbanfields2.1@q.com](mailto:urbanfields2.1@q.com) or 952-831-0504 to sign up and reserve your special date.

