

*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)

**Nov. 20, 2022**

**10:30 am**



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

*“All young people, regardless of orientation or identity, deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential.”*

– Harvey Milk, American Politician

## We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*from Isaiah 43:18–19*)

Gar Nordin

Do not remember the ways of the past;

**Do not consider the things of old.**

For God is about to do a new thing;

**It is springing up all around us!**

God will make a way through the wilderness;

**God will lead us through the deserted places.**

Come, follow Christ, who is leading us into new life;

**Come, worship God, whose presence is with us always.**

\*Opening Hymn

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

36

\*Prayer of Confession

Gar Nordin

**Almighty God, we confess that sometimes we only pay lip service to your commandment to love one another. We say we love one another, but do not minister to the needs around us. We say we love one another, but fail to see those who are struggling under oppression. We say we love one another, but we ignore the calls for justice and focus on our own lives. Forgive us. Call us into a consistent life, where our values of love, justice, and peace align with both our words and our actions. Call us into your way of life, in which we truly love one another, meeting the needs of others, and welcoming the stranger among us. Call us to follow you, in all we say and do. (*silent prayer*) Amen.**

## **\*Assurance of Grace**

Gar Nordin

Over and over the psalms sing to us that God's steadfast love endures forever. There is no time when God will stop loving us. There is nothing we can do that will remove God's love from us.

**God's steadfast love is with us, now and always. We are loved, and we will live into the ways of repentance, forgiveness, and restoration, and share the love of God in word and deed. Amen.**

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

Gar Nordin

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**      "Let All Things Now Living" (verse 1)      37

**Scripture**      Matthew 25:31–46 (NT: p. 29 | LPNT: p. 35)

### **Message**

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

#### **Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory**      "Anthem of Gratitude"      *Joseph M. 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.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts that represent our whole selves embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. 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

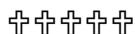
### \*Closing Hymn

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (vss 1, 3–4) 757

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Liturgist: **Gar Nordin** | Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Randy Dop & Greg Johnson;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Bob Gerdes;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Barb Nelson**,  
in *memory* of **husband Loren & mother Catherine**,  
and **Sharon Nolte**, in *memory* of **mother Margaret DeHart Kirk**.

# 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.



## **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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## **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.

### **Service of Gratitude:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 23 (7:00 pm)**

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

This year, instead of having pie after the service, we will offer a social time on Sunday, Nov. 27 during the Faith Formation hour with coffee cake and beverages. There is no regularly scheduled Adult Faith formation that morning and it's a great time to gather and share conversation! Hope to see you at worship and around the table on the 27th.

### **Church Office Hours:**

Please note the church office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

### **Family Advent Fair:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 30 (5:30–7:00 pm)**

Families of children and youth are invited to join in for pizza, Advent Wreath Making, candle dipping and more! We'll gather to welcome the season of Advent with food and fun. Please reserve your spot by emailing Mary ([mkoon@oakgrv.org](mailto:mkoon@oakgrv.org)) or calling the church office.

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### **Alternative Christmas Marketplace: Sunday, Dec. 4 (9–10:30 am)**

Join us for a small marketplace in Gideon Pond Hall. During this time, there will be coffee, juice, and cinnamon rolls to enjoy as well as there will be entertainment from some of our very own Oak Grovers.

In addition, there will be a photo booth, and handcrafted items for sale. Also, we will have those who have shared their talents in the kitchen with items like baked goods, jams, pickles, or other edibles for sale. The Presbyterian (U.S.A.) Mission Agency wants us all to remember, "Small gifts make a BIG impact!"

### **Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, Dec. 6 (noon)**

Join us for "Burgers 'n' Brew" the first Tuesday of the month 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.

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Study: Tuesday, Dec. 6 (5:00 pm)**

The Evening Star Circle meets the first Tuesday of the month at Oak Grove and is led by Connie Nesbitt. For the month of December, we will meet at the home of Paula Uvodich.

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!

### **Presbyterian Women Knit Tree: through Sunday, Dec. 11**

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!

### **Golden Name Tags**

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

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

## **A Notice from the Presbytery's Antiracism Task Force (Pastor Mary Koon is a member)**

Want to take the next faithful step with your antiracism journey? The Antiracism Task Force is inviting you to show your interest in a pilot antiracist accountability small group for January 2023. If there's further interest, we may be able to open up more cohorts later in the year!

Learn more about the group at:  
<https://rb.gy/f9ddth>

## **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 when they might need it.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Jim McCarl at 952-948-2991 or [jjmccarl33@gmail.com](mailto:jjmccarl33@gmail.com).

## **Notary Services**

Oak Grove has a commissioned Notary Public on staff. Church members may have documents notarized free of charge. Simply call ahead (952-888-4621) to schedule a convenient date and time. Please note that we are not able to notarize real estate documents.

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