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**OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Nov. 23, 2022

Service of Gratitude

7:00 pm



A Thought to Ponder

*“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer.
And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.”*

– Maya Angelou

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome

Scripture

Psalm 100 (OT: p. 552 | LPOT: p. 679)

Call to Worship

For every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts, for every sensation of our bodies:

we give you thanks, O God.

For the ear that listens, for the hand that caresses, for the arms that reach out in love:

we give you thanks, O God.

For relief from pain, for the tears of shared sorrow, for the laughter of shared joy:

we give you thanks, O God.

For the freedom to choose to share, for the ability to love, for the power to do justice:

we give you thanks, O God.

For the presence you reveal to us, for the courage you offer us, for the rest you assure us will be ours:

we give you thanks, O God. Amen.

*Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

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*Invocation

O God of all Creation: You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Your abundance flows through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth. The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name! (*continued next page*)

Pour out your blessings as we gather here. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Anthem "Give Thanks" *arr. Fettke*

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5: 16–18 (NT: p. 205 | LPNT: p. 250)
Portions of Psalm 95 (OT: p. 550 | LPOT: p. 676)

Meditation

***Hymn** "God of the Sparrow" 22

Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address (*adapted, see insert*)

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.

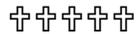
We Go Forth in God's Name

***Closing Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God" 643

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

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

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

Volunteer Custodian: **Al Greimel;**

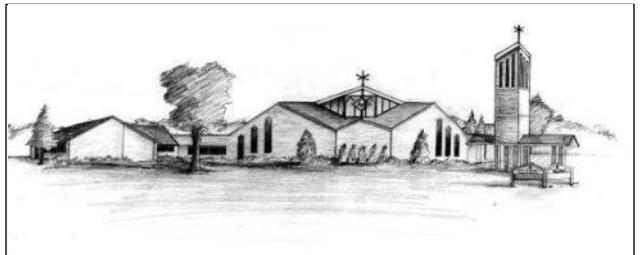
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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.



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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Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address Greetings to the Natural World

Today we have gathered and we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with earth other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as people.

Now our minds are one.

We are thankful for our Mother, the Earth, for she gives us all that we need for life. She supports our feet as we walk about upon her. It gives us joy that she continues to care for us as she has from the beginning of time. To our mother, we send greetings and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

We give thanks to all the waters of the world for quenching our thirst and providing us with strength. Water is life. We are grateful that the waters are still here and meeting their responsibility to the rest of Creation. With one mind, we send greeting and thanks to the Water.

Now our minds are one.

We turn our minds to all the Fish life in the water. They were instructed to cleanse and purify the water. They also give themselves to us as food. We send to the Fish our greetings and our thanks.

Now our minds are one.

We now turn toward the vast fields of Plant life. As far as the eye can see, the Plants grow, working many wonders. They sustain many life forms. We give thanks and look forward to seeing plant life for many generations to come.

Now our minds are one.

We turn to honor and thank all the Food Plants we harvest from the garden. Since the beginning of time, the grains, vegetable, beans and berries have helped the people survive. Many other living things draw strength from them too. We send the Plants our greeting of thanks.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn to the Medicine herbs of the world. They are always waiting and ready to heal us. With one mind we send greetings and thanks to the Medicines and to the keepers of the Medicines.

Now our minds are one.

We now send greetings and thanks to all the Animal life in the world. They have many things to teach us as people. We are honored by them when they give up their lives so we may use their bodies as food for our people. We send our thanks to the animals.

Now our minds are one.

We now turn our thoughts to the Trees. The Earth has many families of Tree who have their own instructions and uses. Many people of the world use a Tree as a symbol of peace and strength. With one mind, we greet and thank the Tree life.

Now our minds are one.

We put our minds together as one and thank all the Birds who move and fly about over our heads. The Creator gave them beautiful songs. To all the Birds – from the smallest to the largest – we send our joyful greetings and thanks.

Now our minds are one.

We are all thankful to the powers we know as the Four Winds. We hear their voices in the moving air as they refresh us and purify the air we breathe. They help us to bring the change of seasons. With one mind, we send our greetings and thanks to the Four Winds.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn to the west where our grandfathers, the Thunder Beings, live. With lightning and thundering voices, they bring with them the water that renews life. We bring our minds together as one to send greetings and thanks to our Grandfathers, the Thunderers.

Now our minds are one.

We now send greetings and thanks to our eldest Brother, the Sun. Each day without fail he travels the sky from east to west, bringing the light of a new day. He is the source of all the fires of life. We send greeting and thanks to our Brother, the Sun.

Now our minds are one.

We put our minds together to give thanks to our oldest Grandmother, the Moon, who lights the night-time sky. She is the leader of woman all over the world, and she governs the movement of the ocean tides. By her changing face, we measure time. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Grandmother, the Moon.

Now our minds are one.

We gather our minds to greet and thank the enlightened Teachers who have come to help throughout the ages. When we forget how to live in harmony, they remind us of the way we were instructed to live as people. We send greetings and thanks to these caring teachers.

Now our minds are one.

Now we turn our thoughts to the Creator, and send greeting and thanks for all the gift of Creation. Everything we need to live a good life is here on this Earth. For all the love that is still around us, we gather our minds together as one and send our greetings and thanks to the Creator.

Now our minds are one.

We now end our words. Of all the things we have named it was not our intention to leave anything out. If something was forgotten, we leave it to each individual to send such greetings and thanks in their own way.

Now, let us join our mind, hearts, and voices in the prayer that Jesus taught, saying... Our God in Heaven...

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We adapted the full version of the Thanksgiving Address
for our worship this evening.