

*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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Jan. 1, 2023

New Year's Day

9:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new." – From "The Way of the Peaceful Warrior," by Dan Millman, American Author

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Hand Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Emma Wasko

Today is a new day, a new month, a new year!

Let the light of God shine through us, each and every day!

We make resolutions, promises for fresh starts;

In Christ, we have a fresh start, every moment of every day.

May we set aside the demands and hopes and frustrations of the world;

**With the Holy Spirit's guidance, may we live into God's ways,
now and every day.**

Come, let us worship God, who leads us into new life;

Come, worship God, who is making all things new!

A Time for Singing *(We will sing a selection of Christmas Hymns.)*

***Prayer**

Emma Wasko

God of Revolution, we have revolved around the earth once again to this day that we mark as the first day, but for you, each day is a first day. Help us to join the revolution of love in this world that works through justice.

Call us to care for the poor, to care for the earth you created, to lift up the children of the world. Call us to revolve our thinking when we become narrow minded. Call us to revolve our vision when we turn away from seeing the struggles of people around us. Call us into your revolution of radical inclusive love, justice, and peace. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Emma Wasko

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 "God of Great and God of Small" (verse 1) 19

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1–13 (OT: p. 616 | LPOT: p. 756)

Reflection

Scripture Revelation 21 (NT: p. 259 | LPNT: p. 315)

Reflection

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Still, Still, Still" Duet

***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**

God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Communion will be by intinction. Please come forward to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat. The juice is non-alcoholic. Gluten free is available as well.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer following Communion (*based on Howard Thurman's "The Works of Christmas"*)

God, we thank you that when the star in the sky is gone, the kings and princes are home, the shepherds are back with their flocks, and we are tempted to pack the story away, this very Bread and Cup gives us the hope and courage to begin the true work of Christmas. Help us to find the lost, heal the broken, feed the hungry, release the prisoner, rebuild the nations, bring peace among all, and make a heart-music so that everyone can dance. Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Name

*Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World"

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*Benediction

Postlude

Hand Bells

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;

Liturgist: **Emma Wasko** | Vocalists: **Becky Dop & Dick Reinke**;

Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper**;

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

Volunteer Custodian: **Bob Heise**;

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

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

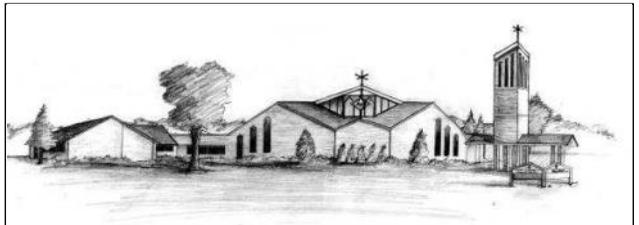
We are proud to be a Matthew 25, Green Care and More Light Congregation.

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.

The Sunday's Greeters:

Mike & Nancy Hoaglund



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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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours

Monday, Jan. 2: the office will be closed in observance of New Year's Day

Monday, Jan. 16: the office will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Jan. 8 & 15 (9–10:00 am)

Please join us Sundays, Jan. 8 and Jan. 15 for "*Hope in all Things*" with Rev. Julie Neraas, an ordained clergywoman, spiritual director, and former professor at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.

With hope, so much is possible. Without it, so little is. At its core hope is a sense of the way forward, of possibility, even in trouble or despair. Yet these days, many things complicate our relationship with hope, and threaten to send it to the sidelines. We believe there are also many reasons for hope.

Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, Jan. 3 (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

The Evening Star Circle meets the first Tuesday of the month (Jan. 3 at 5 pm) at Oak Grove and is led by Connie Nesbitt.

The Goodrich Nord Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month (Jan. 11 at 9:30 am) at Pres. Homes (9901 Penn Ave S, Bloomington) in the second-floor dining room in Gideon Pond and is led by Meg Robles and Bev Heise.

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!

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Feed My Starving Children: Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023 (4:30–6:15 pm)

Start 2023 off by giving back! Children's Ministry invites you to participate in Feed My Starving Children in Eagan.

This opportunity is for everyone 5 years and up! Please sign up by calling the church office or letting Mary know. We have a few spaces to fill and ALL are welcome! There are opportunities for active and sitting work.

Singles Fellowship: Monday, Jan. 9 (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, Jan. 9 (7:00 pm)

We will gather at church for friendship, support, and conversation. This group is open to all women and no RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

Adult Bible Study: resumes Jan. 12

Join Pastor Bart and/or Pastor Mary each week (Thursdays, 12–1:00 pm) via Zoom to look at the scripture that will be the basis for the sermon the following Sunday. We will read the scripture together and then dive in!

Creative Hands Crafting: Saturday, Jan. 14 (9 am to noon)

Attention Creative People! Bring your craft projects to work on and enjoy camaraderie with other crafters from Presbyterian Church of the Apostles and Oak Grove Church. We will meet in the social hall at Oak Grove. Questions? Contact Ruth Dukelow (952-923-0799).

2023 Women's Retreat: Jan. 20–22

Please join us for the Oak Grove Women's Retreat at Clearwater Forest. The theme is, "*Rest and Resilience*" with special guest speaker Jacque Fletcher. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3VhsA0j>.

Accommodations: Leaning Tree Lodge (two to a room) and semi-private baths, bedding and towels included. Cost is \$120, but some scholarship funds are available. Please indicate if your attendance depends on this assistance. Questions? Contact Sue Greimel (612-805-2896 or sue.greimel@gmail.com).

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition: Jan. 6–Feb. 24

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 St. Richard's Catholic Church (7540 Penn Ave S, Richfield 55423). Please enter through door #5 and head for the Community Room.

For more details, visit brgriefcoalition.com.

Jan. 5: Staying in Your Story

Jan. 12: Resilience

Jan. 19: Understanding Grief

Jan. 26: Spousal Loss Story

Deacon Health Ministry

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.

Examples include wheelchairs, walkers, canes, picker uppers, long handled shoe spoons, knee and ankle splints, bath/shower chairs raised toilet seats, bathroom grab bars and adjustable bed tables.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Jim McCarl at 952-948-2991 or jjmccarl33@gmail.com.



Reminder!

Starting Sunday, Jan. 8, we will go back to our usual worship time of 10:30 am.