

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

Jan. 8, 2023

Installation of Officers

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity.” – Pope Francis

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Dick Reinke

Be still, remember, who you are. Come touch the water of your birth.
Be awake and alive to God. Remember who you are in Jesus.

**We are beloved. We are heirs. We children of God. We are claimed.
We are marked. We are named by God alone. We are chosen and
blessed. We are gifted to love. To witness through word and deed.
Let us worship our Creator!**

*Call to worship for Baptism of the Lord © 2021 Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia,
www.revlisad.com*

***Opening Hymn**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

451

***Prayer of Confession**

Dick Reinke

**Creator God, in our baptisms, you mark us with your love, inviting us
into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more
of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world;
we know that we are called to embody your love and serve our neighbor.
When the task feels too big and it's easier to ignore the pain of others,
forgive us. Call us to You and remind us of our baptism.
(Individual silent prayer).**

***Assurance of Grace**

Dick Reinke

When we fail, when we miss the mark, God still claims us. God still calls us
by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

We are known and loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Dick Reinke

As God's beloved community, let us greet one another as siblings in Christ.
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

Star Words

Anthem

"Ancient Peoples Searched the Sky"

Tice/Morris

Scripture

Matthew 3: 13–17 (NT: p. 3 | LPNT: p. 3)

Message

Service of Ordination & Installation

Constitutional Questions

Do we, the members of the church accept Dave, Rod, Carol, Michael, Priscilla, Katie and James as ruling elders; and Sue, Bob, Mary, Lisa and Paul as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? Do we? **We do.**

Hymn

"Together We Serve" (vss 1 & 4)

767

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory

"Walk in the Light"

Thomas

*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

Generous God, all good gifts come from your hand. Accept our offerings as a response to your grace, so freely given. Receive the work we do, the treasure we give, that they may be a blessing in your world. In Christ's name we pray, 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

"From the Nets of Our Labor"

751

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

†††††

Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;

Liturgist: **Dick Reinke** | Vocalists: **Chancel Choir**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Andy Snyder, Pierce Flanagan & Cece Klueh**;

Volunteer Custodian: **Rod Myers**;

Chancel flowers are given by **Nancy Augustson**,
in *memory* of *husband, Gordy*.

Elders being ordained: Dave Hansen, Katie Krentz, James Robles
Elders previously ordained and being installed: Mike Arazi, Carol Long,
Priscilla Pearson, Rod Myers

Deacons being ordained: Mary Benz, Sue Cavanaugh, Lisa Pomroy, Bob Ritter
Deacons previously ordained and being installed: Paul Schalekamp

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

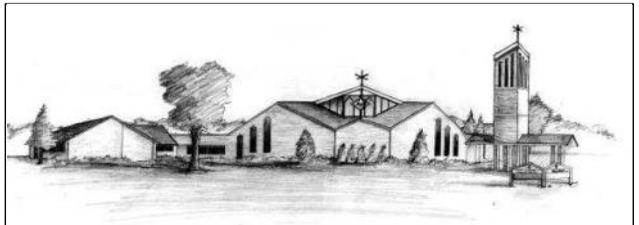
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

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.

Greeters:
John & Jeri Anderson



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

952-888-4621

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study: Wednesday, Jan. 11 (9:30 am)

The Goodrich Nord Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month 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!

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).

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Palestinian Olive Oil

For many years now we have sold olive oil and the spice za'atar at Oak Grove to provide support to the Palestinian people. Proceeds from selling the oil help support education, especially for girls, hospitals, and the replanting of olive trees.

We would like to start selling again at church twice a month before and after the service. Would you be willing to staff a table for this? If you are looking for a meaningful way to help this part of the world, this is for you! Please contact Bob or Sandy Crum (952-888-2114) for more information and to volunteer! Thank you!

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We continue to have need for some additional volunteer support in addition to our paid nursery staff. If you (or your youth over 13) are willing and able to help care for our little ones once a month during worship, please contact Mary. An extra set of hands and eyes are helpful and share our value of nurturing our littlest ones! Thanks for your consideration.

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.

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 952-831-0504 or urbanfields2.1@q.com to sign up and reserve your special date.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

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.

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. 12: Resilience

Jan. 19: Understanding Grief

Jan. 26: Spousal Loss Story

