

*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. 22, 2023**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

**10:30 am**



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

*“We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can’t speak for themselves such as the birds, animals, fish and trees.”*

– Chief Qwatsinas (Hereditary Chief Edward Moody), Nuxalk Nation

## We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"A Little Prayer"

*Evelyn Glennie*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Stephen Jones

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

What does God command of us?

**To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.**

Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Let Us Build a House" (vss 1–2, 4–5)

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**\*Prayer of Confession**

Stephen Jones

**Great and Holy God, we confess that oftentimes we miss the mark. We mess up. We fall short. We disappoint ourselves or others around us. Most of all, we have not done all that you would have us do. Therefore, we seek community that corrects and inspires us, for worship that lifts our spirits, for the urgent reminder of your Grace that abounds in our lives, for the peace that enables us to embody your Spirit of peace. In this time of worship, O Living Lord, remake us. In this time of worship, O Holy Spirit, fill us up. Remind us of our calling. Grant us the courage to be your people through the Risen Christ, the one who sets us free.**

## **\*Assurance of Grace**

Stephen Jones

The God who brought this world into being is the Creator of community and the one who seeks to be in communion with all.

**By grace we are drawn together as children of the Creator—  
all persons welcome into the family of faith. Thanks be to God!**

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

Stephen Jones

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**

#### **Special Music**

"Giles"

*Evelyn Glennie*

#### **Scripture**

Galatians 3:26-28 (NT: p. 189 | LPNT: p. 231)  
John 13:34 (NT: p. 108 | LPNT: p. 132)

#### **Message**

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

#### **Call to Offering**

#### **Anthem/Offertory**

"Brighter Than the Sun"

*Makeever/arr. Helgen*

## **\*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; Over and over your grace sustains us, over and over  
your love provides for us, over and over your arm steadies us. We  
give you these gifts, with gratitude and joy, thankful that you are God  
over all. 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

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

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#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

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

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*Participants in worship today include:*

Presiding Pastor: **Bart Roush**;

Liturgist: **Stephen Jones** | Marimba: **Lydia Traeder**;

Vocalists: **Tenor & Bass Ensemble**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow**;

Volunteer Custodian: **Bob Gerdes**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Cecelia Laurie**,  
in *memory* of *mother, Erlene Elliott*.

Our guest marimba player today is Lydia Traeder. She was baptized here at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, and is the daughter of Ann and Cub Traeder, and granddaughter of Lou Traeder.

Lydia graduated from South Dakota State University last month (December 2022) with a degree in Nursing (RN BSN) and a minor in music. She is currently studying for her nursing license exam. After completing that, she will move back to Rapid City and work at Monument Health.

She also is the head chore person and horse wrangler at Suncatcher Therapeutic Riding Academy and a volunteer at Happy Tails Horse Haven and Rescue; both organizations are in Rapid City.

*Thank you for sharing your music with us, Lydia!*

## Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

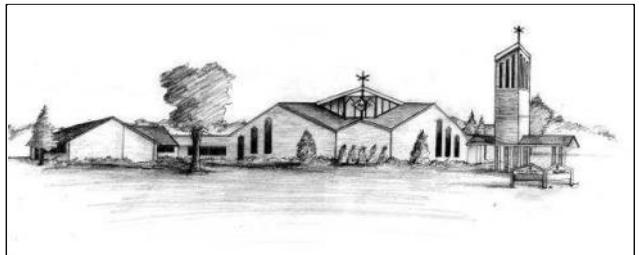
**Welcome, Oak Grove  
members and visitors, we're  
glad you're here!**

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.

Greeter: **Barb Nelson**



### 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

### **Adult Faith Formation: Sundays (9–10:00 am)**

Please join us before worship on Sundays in the social hall for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith.

Jan. 29: Brian Cline, Principal of Oak Grove Elementary, will be our guest. We are well connected with this school, as it is the ministry base for our Every Meal Ministry. Mr. Cline will share what's going on at Oak Grove, the district, and give us a "state of the school." We are excited to welcome him!

### **WEEKLY**

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

This mid-week gathering is a time of fellowship. Join the church family; no reservations are needed. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and each meal includes salad and dessert. 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.

Jan. 25: Pizza | Feb. 1: Pasta

### **WoW! for Adults Wednesdays (6:15 pm)**

Pastors Bart, Mary Koon and Mary Pol will lead the series, "*Being Presbyterian: Foundations of Presbyterian Discipleship*," from the PCUSA's Theoacademy.

Jan. 25 (Lesson 2): Wicked Bad

This is an excellent series, whether you have been a Presbyterian from birth, or recently joined the church. There will be time for learning, reflection, and discussion. We are really excited for this series and hope you will join us!

### **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.

### **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!

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Antiracism Accountability Group: Thursday, Jan. 26 (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.

### **Men's Retreat: Feb. 3–5**

Please join us for the Oak Grove Men's Retreat at Clearwater Forest. The theme is "*Reconnecting in Fellowship!*"

Accommodations will be at Leaning Tree Lodge and the following meals will be provided: Sat. breakfast, lunch & dinner and Sun. breakfast.

Cost will be determined by the number of attendees. If cost is a barrier, there are options to help cover for those who are in need. Sign up at church on Sundays. Questions? Contact Chad Acker (952-237-2142), Vaughn Sheff (952-465-6050), or Arne Johnson (612-229-7709).

### **Oak Rovers: Wednesday, Feb. 15 (11:30 am)**

Join us at the Heritage Center (11411 Masonic Home Dr, Bloomington 55437) to see "*All You Need is Love.*"

We have reservations for 20 people but can accommodate more. Tickets are \$50 (cash or check) which includes lunch and the show. We will carpool from church at 11 am. Sign up at church. Questions? Contact Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900).

### **Gold Name Tags**

Are you wondering why some worshippers have gold-colored name tags? They are worn by people who are not yet members of Oak Grove. We do this so that people can warmly greet those with the different name tags. Please welcome them by introducing yourself.

### **Sunday Parking at Oak Grove**

We live in a winter wonderland! With the huge amount of snow that fell in January, we have lost a number of parking spots in our lot. If you have excellent mobility, please consider parking at the Old Town Hall or funeral home across Penn Ave and walking over. This way, we can care for our members and visitors who need to park close to the building. Thank you for your compassion and help!

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

## Preschool Drivers Needed for Our Afghan Families

Our established group of Oak Grove “Uber” drivers need some more volunteers. Drivers need room for three people. The preschool parent will ride along and bring a car seat for their child.

Days and times are flexible:

To Preschool: Monday–Thursday (7:45–8:40 am), Friday (7:45–8:10 am)

From Preschool: Monday–Thursday (10:50am–12:10pm), Friday (11:50am–12:10pm)

Just sign up for whichever day/time fits with your schedule; there is no requirement to commit to a regular slot.

Oak Grove has made this commitment through June because we know the critical importance of early learning. Without sufficient drivers, the children may miss some days of preschool.

If you or someone else you know might enjoy this, please contact Kathy Howell (952-200-5129) or Anne Klueh (651-235-9940) for more information. All will be very grateful for your help!

## From the Sanctuary Guild

If you shared a crèche with Oak Grove last month, please stop by the church office to pick it up.

## 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).

## Bloomington-Richfield Grief Support Coalition: Thursdays (4:30–6:00 pm)

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 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 information, visit <https://brgriefcoalition.com>.

Jan. 19: Understanding Grief

Feb. 2: Taking Control of Your Finances (Part 1)