

*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. 29, 2023

Youth Sunday

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference."

– Elie Wiesel (Holocaust Survivor)

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Hera Roush

Blessed are the ones who fall short,

For God is the one who lifts us up.

Blessed are the ones who are distressed,

For God is with us, waiting patiently.

Blessed are the ones who dragged themselves out of bed,

For God is with us in our lying down and our rising up.

Blessed are the tired, the broken-hearted, the distraught,

For God knows us to our bones, knows our very needs.

Blessed are you who have joined in worship,

For God is with us, right now.

Wherever you are, online or in-person,

Blessed are we, because we are God's beloved children.

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Great God of All the Ages" (vss 1–3)

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*Prayer of Confession

Hera Roush

Almighty Creator, we confess that we like predictability, regularity, and routine. At times, we struggle with new insights, ideas, even hopes that things could be different. We are challenged to believe the reign of God is at hand, right now. We are timid when your bold declaration of the Gospel challenges us to repent and believe. Grant us courage, and give us strength, to follow where you are leading us, by the Holy Spirit.

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Guide us into your ways of love, justice, and mercy, to become living hope for those we encounter, to dare to believe that you love each one of us as we are and that we can become who you intended us to be, all of us, the children of God. We pray that things will be shaken up and that we can roll with the transformation you intend for us. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hera Roush

“But this I call to mind, and therefore, I have hope. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” While everything else is constantly in flux, changing at a rapid pace, God’s steadfast love endures forever.

God loves us more than we can possibly imagine or comprehend. Knowing this, we will go out and love one another. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Hera Roush

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

Youth

Special Music

“Nothing More”

Youth Choir

Scripture

Matthew 7:7–12 (NT: p. 7 | LPNT: p. 8)

Micah 6:8 (OT: p. 866 | LPOT: p. 1060)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory

“God, You Made Us In Your Image”

Larson

***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**

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (vss 1, 4–5) 543

***Benediction**

What does the Lord require of you?

To do justice, and love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

What does the Lord require of you?

To love the Lord with all of our heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, and love our neighbor, and love ourself.

What does the Lord require of you?

To not be afraid. To be still and know that God is God.

The Lord is with you, for you, surrounds and holds you. You are God's beloved.

We are God's beloved, and that is the humbling truth that sets us free to change our church, the community, and the world.

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Hera Roush** | Vocalists: **Chancel Choir;**

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

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

Custodians: **Al Greimel & Bear Smith;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Rick & Jeanne Wahtera**,
in *honor* of *family*, and **Tom Mielke**, in *memory* of *wife Lynda*.

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

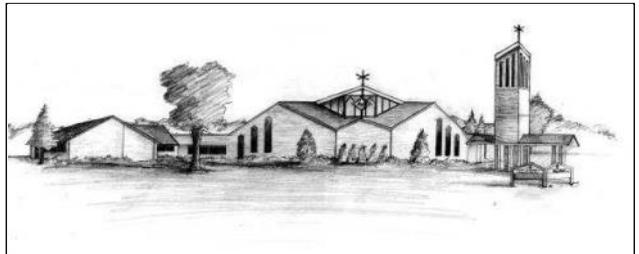
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

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: Youth Group



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

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Feb. 1: Pasta | Feb. 8: Breakfast for Supper

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.

Feb. 1 (Lesson 3):
Who do they say that I am?

Feb. 8 (Lesson 4):
Update Your Faith System

Feb. 15 (Lesson 5):
Blessed to be a Blessing

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 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: Monday, Feb. 6 (5:00 pm)

Please join us at Willy McCoys (10700 France Ave S, Bloomington 55431). If you can come, contact Patsy Fisk at 952-977-9900 or pafisk1947@gmail.com.

Sunday Parking at Oak Grove

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!

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Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, Feb. 7 (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 (Feb. 7 at 5 pm) at Oak Grove and is led by Connie Nesbitt.

The Goodrich Nord Circle meets the second Wednesday of the month (Feb. 8 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!

Order a Sub Sandwich for the Super Bowl and Support Oak Grove Youth!

The youth are sponsoring a Super Bowl sub-sandwich fundraiser for our trip to Washington DC this summer! You will find order forms in the Sunday bulletins to create your own deluxe sub, to be made fresh on the morning of Sunday, Feb. 12, and picked up after worship in the social hall!

No need to worry about what you'll eat for the big game (the Super Bowl or the Puppy Bowl), or just an easy lunch that day. Each made-to-order sub is \$10 (cash or check).

Simply drop your order form and payment in the collection plate, or hand it to a youth representative at the table in the hallway or call the church office (952-888-4621) by Wednesday, Feb. 8. What a delicious way to support our youth – thanking you in advance! Questions? Call Mary.

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.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Contribution Statements

2022 Contribution Statements were sent Jan. 23. If you haven't received your 2022 contribution statement via email or postal mail, please reach out to Laura Nemcek, church accountant, at 952-512-2052 or LNemcek@oakgrv.org. Thank you.

The Deacons' Bench is back!

Please come to the Deacons Bench located just outside the social hall. Need to send a card? We have Get Well, Sympathy, Birthday, and plain note cards! If the recipient is a member of Oak Grove, simply put their name on the envelope and we will address it and mail it for you.

If the recipient is a non-member, please write the full address on the card. Leave cards ready to be mailed in the basket on the bench. We hope that you will participate in this important ministry of care.

Adult Bible Study: Thursdays

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!

Save the Dates!

Sunday, Feb. 26: Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship. Watch announcements for more details.

March 3–5: Intergenerational Weekend at Clearwater Forest. Sign-up begins in February, watch for more details.

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>.

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

Feb. 9: Styles of Grief

