

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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Feb. 19, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Won’t it be wonderful when black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history.”

– Maya Angelou, American Author & Poet

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Canon in D"

Pachelbel

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 100*)

John Crampton

Make a joyful noise to God, our creator!

Worship God with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing.

We are God's people, beloved and blessed.

Let our hearts and spirits be light,

for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.

Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

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***Prayer of Confession**

John Crampton

Gracious God, we do our best to follow in your ways; to live into the grace you give us, but we often miss the mark. Forgive us when we toss and turn with worry, instead of seeking your guidance through prayer. Forgive us for the ways we fail to put into practice your word in our lives. Forgive us when we grow impatient in the long work of justice. Turn us around, call us to our center and renew us by the power of your Spirit.



***Assurance of Grace**

John Crampton

Do not worry; the Lord is near.

God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love.

Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

John Crampton

Let your gentleness be known to everyone,

and the God of peace will be with you.

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 "Let Us Build a House" (verse 1) 301

Scripture Philippians 4: 4–9 (NT: p. 198 | LPNT: p. 242)

Message "Joy"

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Wondrous Love" *arr. Dan R. Edwards*

***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, we offer You our lives, our time, our service, our treasures. Use these in ways that are life-giving to both giver and receiver. Fill us with a sense of your peace and presence. We are Yours! 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

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

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*Benediction

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of
Ariah Louise Kirk, born Feb. 9, 2023.
Parents are Brandy Bliss & Durrell Kirk, big brother is Ayden
and proud grandmother is Bev Bliss.

Welcome Ariah!

Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Mary Koon**;

Liturgist: **John Crampton** | Musicians: **Hand Bell Choir**;

Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen**;

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes, Randy Dop & Greg Johnson**;

Chancel flowers are given by **Mark & Marsha Pridgeon**,
in *memory* of *mother Hilda Pridgeon*, and
Leona & Jack Kley, in *memory* of *Leon V. Bonikowski, OSFS*.

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: **Larry & Priscilla Pearson**



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

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!

Collections for VEAP During Lent

During Lent, we are encouraging each household to bring one item to church each week to help restock VEAP's onsite pantry shelves. Each week we will focus on a particular item that is most asked for but least available. Donations can be brought to church on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings or during church office hours.

- Feb. 19–26: toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Feb. 26–March 5: sugar
- March 5–12: cooking oil
- March 12–19: laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap
- March 19–26: toilet paper, paper towels
- March 26–April 2: diapers

Checks, made payable to Oak Grove, are also acceptable. Please write "VEAP" on the memo line.

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. 22: Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese
(no faith formation)

March 1: Chicken Breasts, Mac & Cheese

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: 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!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Antiracism Accountability Group:

Thursday, Feb. 23 (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.

Adult Faith Formation

Please join us before worship on Sundays, 9–10:00 am for interesting and informative speakers and topics designed to expand our minds and grow our faith. If you have an idea or speaker you'd like to see, please let us know.

Feb 26: We'll be reading and discussing the book, *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach* by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. This five week class will be led by pastors and our Adult Faith Formation team.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 26 (11:30 am)

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. We will hear from the pastors, consider updates to church bylaws, have opportunities to ask questions of committees, review finances, and approve the pastors' terms of call. We encourage all to join us either in-person or virtually.

Chili Cook-Off: Sunday, Feb. 26 (following the Annual Meeting)

This will be our first time back since 2020 and we are super excited! Please sign up to bring a crock pot of your favorite chili; feel free to give it a fancy name, too! The youth will provide cheese, sour cream, crackers, and a beverage. They will also determine the categories for judging and YOU are the judges. A free will offering will be received to help our youth head to Washington D.C. this June!

Contact Information Changes

If you move or change your phone number or email address, please let the church know so we can update our records. Send any/all changes to ogpc@oakgrv.org or call 952-888-4621. Thanks for helping us keep everyone connected!

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Portland Trailblazers: Sunday, April 2 (2:30 pm)

Join fellow Oak Grovers to see the Timberwolves take on the Trailblazers. Tickets are \$35 and are in section 218. We will also participate in the "fan tunnel" greeting the players as they go out for warmups.

All tickets will be digitally delivered via the Timberwolves mobile app so please be sure to download it.

Sign up using the online registration form (<https://bit.ly/3XtxveL>) or contact Ron Dubis (612-868-9194). The sign up deadline is March 12.

Intergenerational Weekend: March 3–5

Join us for a weekend of relaxation, recreation and fellowship with friends of all ages at Clearwater Forest. We welcome individuals, couples and families in all forms to this event.

The cost is \$160 per room (double bed & single bed) for the weekend plus \$20 per person for food (\$10/child, infants under 2 are free). Sign up at church. Questions? Contact Larry Pearson at 952-835-9480.

February 'Per Capita' Challenge

Our per capita pays for the programs, training, and resources that help our wider Presbyterian family to work together.

Oak Grove will remit \$37.50 for each of our 487 members in 2023, for a total sum of \$18,262.50. A donation of any size helps Oak Grove pay this balance.

If you wish to contribute towards Per Capita, just send a check with Per Capita in the memo or donate via our website at:

<https://bit.ly/3jsp3i2>.

Fare For All: fareforall.org Friday, Feb. 16 (11 am to 1 pm)

Location: Creekside Community Center (9801 Penn Ave S, Bloomington)

Fare For All is a pop-up grocery store that sells packages of fresh produce and frozen meat at up to 40% off retail prices. There are no qualifications or income restrictions; all are welcome. Payment is by cash, credit, debit or EBT (no checks).

- Mega Meat Pack (\$25): 6–8 frozen meat items
- Mini Meat Pack (\$11): 3–5 frozen meat items
- Produce Pack (\$10): 2–3 fresh fruits and 3-4 fresh veggies

Legislative Leaflet

Becky Dop, Kathy Howell and Pastors Bart and Mary attended an organizing meeting with ISAI AH on Feb. 7. We got to meet with Governor Walz just before he signed the Clean Energy Bill.

Because we are all new to ISAI AH, if you have questions, please direct them to Andrew Ulasich, the lead organizer for the West and South Metro areas: AUlasich@isaiahmn.org.

The next few months of this legislative session are critical for our state, and ISAI AH is hard at work to move the needle on these legislative priorities:

- 100% Clean Energy by 2040 - which was JUST signed into law on Tuesday, Feb. 7!!
- Paid Family and Medical Leave
- Restore the Vote and Automatic Voter Registration
- Driver's Licenses for All
- MinnesotaCare Buy-In
- Childcare for All
- Transit for a Connected State

Who is ISAI AH, you ask? SAIAH is an interfaith, multi-racial, nonpartisan faith-based community organization.

SAIAH is a vehicle for congregations, clergy, and people of faith to act collectively and powerfully towards racial and economic equity in the state of Minnesota. By uniting local congregations in a large regional organization, ISAI AH strengthens the ability of people of faith to address both local and regional community issues, including mass incarceration, immigration, healthcare, and racial inequity.

Legislative Leaflet

We want you to be aware of upcoming actions so you can get involved in making these priorities a reality for ALL Minnesotans:

Kids Count on Us Day of Action: Thurs., Feb 23, 9am–12pm, Christ Lutheran on Capitol Hill. Pay a visit to our legislators and deliver thousands of postcards urging them to fully fund childcare. For more info, contact Lydia Boerboom at lboerboom@isaiahmn.org or Khalid Omar at komar@isaiahmn.org.

Democracy for All Lobby Day: Thurs., March 16, 12–3pm. Engage our legislators about passing Restore the Vote, reinstating voting rights for more than 60,000 Minnesotans and passing Automatic Voter Registration and eliminating barriers to voting.

Paid Family and Medical Leave Lobby Day: Tues., March 21, 8:45–11:45am, Minnesota State Capitol (meet in Capitol Rm 316). Join labor unions and organizations across Minnesota to urge them to pass Paid Family Leave this session.

