

*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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**March 12, 2023**

**3rd Sunday in Lent**

**10:30 am**



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

*“It’s okay to not be okay — it means that your mind is trying to heal itself.”*

– Abhijit Naskar, Neuroscientist & Author

## We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship**

Dick Nichols

Friends, let us worship God today for God is great!

**God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.**

God forgives us, encourages us, and loves us.

**We are God's people.**

Let us worship God today in truth and in Spirit!

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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**\*Prayer of Confession**

Dick Nichols

Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and pain. Out of the depths God listens, inviting us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our failings and accept forgiveness. Let us pray with one another...

**God of living waters, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered into our own wilderness of fear and worry. Our thirst grows daily, yearning to be quenched by your redeeming love. Forgive us for the ways we treat others with careless regard. Have mercy on us for the ways we ignorantly benefit from systems of oppression. Help us see the world as you do. Let us drink of your living water, healing us and calling us forth as your new creation... *(silent prayer)***

## **\*Assurance of Grace**

Dick Nichols

The waters of mercy and healing are poured over you. God is loving and faithful. Come, seek the loving presence and be healed. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

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

Dick Nichols

As beloved children of God, forgiven and freed, let us greet one another with a sign of peace. 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**

Bart Roush

“Song of Hope”

Children

### **Hymn of Response**

“Lord of All Hopefulness” (verse 1)

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### **Scripture**

John 4:5–42 (NT: p. 94 | LPNT: p. 115)

### **Message**

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

#### **Call to Offering**

**Anthem/Offertory** “Amazing Grace”

*arr. Keesecker*

### **\*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**

**All blessings flow from you, generous God. Use us and these offerings as a channel of your grace and peace, that justice might roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. In the name of Jesus, the Compassionate One, 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

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

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#### \*Benediction

#### Postlude

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



*Participants in worship today include:*

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

Liturgist: **Dick Nichols** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

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

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

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Meg Robles,**  
in *honor* of **grandchildren Mari and James.**



# Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

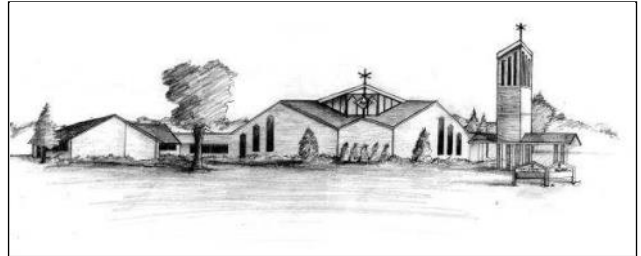
**Welcome, Oak Grove  
members and visitors, we're  
glad you're here!**

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: **The Thomas Family**  
(Seth, Allison, Grace, Leo & Ulysses)



## 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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## EASTER HONORARIUMS / MEMORIALS

On Sundays, March 12 and 19, we'll be available for you to sign up to donate in honor, in memory, or in celebration of a special event as we decorate the chancel for Easter, April 9, and Sunday, April 16. Your donations will pay for potted flowering plants and any remaining funds will be given to VEAP. Plants will be donated to homebound members and/or people on the prayer list.



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Harold (Hal) Shannon** who joined the church triumphant on March 9, 2023. "In Life and Death we belong to God."

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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!

### **Adult Faith Formation: Sundays**

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.

Feb. 25–March 26: We will read and study the book, *The Last Week: A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus's Final Week in Jerusalem*, by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan.

### **Singles Fellowship: Monday, March 13 (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, March 13 (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.

### **Ladies Who Lunch: Wednesday, March 15 (noon)**

All women are invited to participate in friendship and great book conversation over lunch. Please join us at the home of Bev Heise (note the location change) to discuss the book, *Born a Crime*, by Trevor Noah. Questions? Contact Pastor Mary.

### **Janet & Hal Shannon Memorial: Wednesday, March 15 (1:00 pm)**

Details: <https://bit.ly/3T0naXb>

### **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.

March 15: Baked Potato Bar

March 22: Tacos

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### **WoW! for Adults: March 1–22**

Please plan to spend your Wednesday evenings with us as we engage in the PCUSA program, *Trouble the Water: Conversations to Disrupt Racism and Dominance*.

Each week during the four-week series, we will practice centering prayer and breathing, watch a video, have some quiet reflection and conversation.

### **Men's Mentor Group: Thursday, March 16 (8:00 pm)**

Join other men of Oak Grove as we discuss topics of interest, share joys and concerns, and explore and encourage one another in our faith. The group meets the third Thursday of the month at church and is open to all; no need to RSVP. Questions? Contact Pastor Bart.

### **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](mailto:ogpc@oakgrv.org) or call 952-888-4621. Thanks for helping us keep everyone connected!

### **Hocokata Ti Tour: Saturday, March 18 (2:30 pm)**

The Social Justice Committee invites you to join us at Hočokata Ti, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's cultural center, for a one-hour tour.

The tour, guided by a cultural interpreter, begins promptly at 2:30 pm. You are invited to stay after the tour to continue to explore the artifacts or visit the gift shop that features Native art of all kinds. Hočokata Ti closes at 4:00 pm.

Entrance Fees are \$7 per person and free for children under 5. Please sign-up at: <https://bit.ly/3y2fFp4>.

For more information about Hočokata Ti and directions: <https://bit.ly/2NdF4pm>.

### **Oak Rovers: March 18 (5:00 pm)**

Join us at the home of Don Wagner (8341 Lyndale Ave, Bloomington 55420) for pizza and cards. The cost is \$12 per person. Contact Don ([doje65@netzero](mailto:doje65@netzero) or 952-831-4460) to let him know you are planning to attend.

## OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

### **Palm Sunday Brunch: Sunday, April 2 (8:45–10:00 am)**

The Deacons are thrilled to be offering the return of Palm Sunday Brunch. The menu will include an egg bake, fruit, muffins, juice, milk, and coffee. A free will-offering will be accepted. Please join us!

If you are not currently serving as a Deacon and would like to help setup on Saturday or Sunday or with cooking, serving or cleanup on Sunday, please contact Lisa Pomroy at [lisaorbill@msn.com](mailto:lisaorbill@msn.com) or 218-591-4979, or look for a signup sheet in the narthex.

### **Requiem by John Rutter: Sunday, April 2**

Our Chancel Choir and an instrumental ensemble will present this exquisite choral piece, Requiem, by John Rutter at the 10:30 am service.

The instrumental ensemble includes flute, oboe, cello, harp, tympani and organ. Cece Klueh, Jessi McKinnon and Emma Wasko are the soloists.

Requiem has seven sections, written as an “archlike meditation on the themes of life and death”. Please invite family and friends to join you in worship on April 2.

### **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.

### **Collections for VEAP 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**.

- 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.