

Oak Grove is a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith seeking to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Loving God... Changing Lives!



OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431
952-888-4621 | www.oakgrv.org

August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“When the Second Amendment was written, guns fired one round a minute. Now they can fire over 100. Guns have evolved over the years. So should our gun laws.” – Shane Claiborne, author, activist & Christian leader

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

The earth and everything in it was created by God: the world and all who live in it.

We recognize the Dakota people as the traditional stewards of the land where we now worship. We acknowledge the historic and on-going harm done to Indigenous people.

We are called as a people of faith to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with God.

Therefore, we commit to repair relationships through action, honesty, listening, truth-telling, repentance, and restoration.

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Stephen Jones

Gather together, all people, to worship our God!

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Rise up, all people, to do the work of justice,

Open our hearts to listen to God's call together.

Experience the teaching of our ancestors through our traditions and scriptures,

Apply them to your life and teach them to the next generation.

Take notice of where Jesus is nudging you,

And be filled with the Spirit in this time of worship.

*Opening Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory" (vss 1–2 & 4)

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*Prayer of Confession

Stephen Jones

Almighty God, we confess that at times we are looking for the wrong things. We seek signs that you are with us, rather than recognizing your presence is with us in all times. We seek assurances that we are going the right direction, hesitant to follow you as you called us to do. Help us to be brave, O God, and to move forward in faith, knowing you are with us. Give us courage, O God, to trust in your ways. Guide us, O God, in wisdom and insight, to follow you, for you are the way, the truth, and the life. It is in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness *(based on Psalm 139)*

Stephen Jones

“Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.”

God is with us, always, and there is no place we can go, nowhere we can be lost, from the presence and love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. God is with you, now and always. Amen.

*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

Hymn of Response

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”
(vss 1 & 4)

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Scripture

Exodus 1:15–21 (OT: p. 49 | LPOT: p. 61)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory Vocal Duet

*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

Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our checks and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. 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.

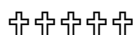
We Go Forth in God's Name

*Closing Hymn "You Made Us In Your Image" *Carolyn Winfrey Gillette*
(on screens)

*Benediction

Postlude

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Stephen Jones** | Vocalists: **Emma Wasko & Isaiah Evans;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Bob Gerdes**

Chancel flowers are given by **Anne & Larry Klueh**, in *memory* of
brother Paul St. Martin, by **Ed & Larie Ann Schmidt**,
in *celebration* of *our 50th anniversary*, and by **Naana Ofori-Atta**,
in *Thanksgiving on the one-year anniversary of the death*
of *sister Freda O. Williams*.

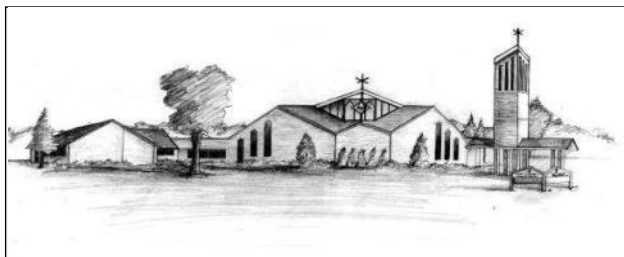
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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.



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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OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Rally Day: Sunday, Sept. 10 (9–10:00 am)

Rally Day is the day we return to our fall worship schedule at 10:30 am. Join us in the Social Hall where Oak Grove committees will have information available about what they are doing and ways you can be involved in ministry, outreach, fellowship and more.

There will also be a **book exchange**. If you are interested in donating books, please drop them off before Aug. 30 at the church office. Books must be in good condition. We hope to see you there!

Oak Grove at Bloomington PRIDE! Sunday, Sept. 10 (12–5:00 pm)

Location: Bloomington Civic Center Grounds (1800 W Old Shakopee Rd)

We are very excited to host a table at the Bloomington PRIDE Festival this year! Please mark your calendars and come out for music, food, and a lot of joy! We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Sept. 23: EV Expo (11 am–3pm) at Oak Grove

2023 is the hottest year worldwide on record! Rapid global warming is here and now. EVs and a clean energy grid are the most effective ways we can fight back against global warming.

Learn about EV tax credits and rebates from the Feds and the state of Minnesota. Food and KidWind activities for the kids will be available. The Expo is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3DUxE3s>.

Saturday, Sept. 30: Woodcutting at Clearwater Forest

This is an event for all ages Families can treat this event as an introduction to the property and a full weekend to hike, bike, kayak, swim and fish. We have campsites and some rooms with beds available if you would like to come up the night before and/or stay Saturday. If interested in going and/or knowing more about the event, please contact Carrie Wilkens at 952-240-5022 or carriewilkens@comcast.net.

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- Aug. 22 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10am–Noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)
- Aug. 23 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)
Book: *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
Location: home of Bev Heise
Contact Pastor Mary
- Aug. 23 | Summer Supper Potluck (6:00 pm)
Location: home of Darlene & Larry Thronson
Contact Kathy Tominski (952-888-0697)
- Aug. 23 | Youth Lock-in (6–9:00 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary
- Aug. 24 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- Aug. 24 | Grief Support (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: The Courage to Ask/Embracing Help on the Path to Healing?
Hosted by Oak Grove
- Aug. 24 | Summer Book Discussion (6:30–8:00 pm)
This Here Flesh by Cole Arthur Riley
Location: Lunds & Byerlys
(7171 France Ave S, Edina, Community Rm)
Contact Pastor Bart
- Aug. 24 | Antiracism Accountability (6:30–8 pm)
via Zoom (<https://bit.ly/3JQoN4l>)
- Aug. 27 | Ice Cream Social following worship
- Aug. 27 | Summer Book Discussion (10:30 am)
This Here Flesh by Cole Arthur Riley
Contact Pastor Bart

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

Rourk Scott Celebration of Life & Reception: Friday, Sept. 1

There will be a graveside service for Rourk Scott, brother of Rory Scott, on Friday, Sept. 1 (9:30 am) at Fort Snelling National Cemetery (7601 34th Ave S, Minneapolis 55450). Meet in assembly line #4 at 9:15 am.

A reception will follow at 11:00 am at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 at 9:00 am

Location: Calvin Presbyterian Church
(177 Glendale Dr, Long Lake 55356)

Cost \$15

A special mission collection of underwear/panties will be collected for girls (size 12 & 14) and women (size 6 & 7).

Questions? Contact Jody Milton (612-730-3962 or Bev Heise (612-670-2812).



Oak Grove's Purpose

Oak Grove is a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith seeking to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Values

Beyond our faith in God, our example in Jesus, and guidance from the Holy Spirit, our congregational values are the underlying ethic by which we define our community.

Authenticity

Celebratory Joyfulness

Compassion

Deep Relationships

Humble Curiosity

Inclusivity

Justice

Statement of Land Acknowledgement

We collectively acknowledge that Oak Grove Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional and ancestral lands of Indigenous people. We reside on land that holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for the Dakota, Native Nations and Indigenous people of the region. The land was ceded by the Dakota to the U.S. Government through treaties created and upheld with racist underpinnings.

By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold Oak Grove Presbyterian Church accountable to Indigenous people and Nations. We recognize, and continually seek to support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native Nations in this territory and beyond.

For more information, please visit our website www.oakgrv.org.