

*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

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**August 27, 2023**

**13th Sunday after Pentecost**

**9:30 am**



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

“If you think being straight means you’re being discriminated against, you’re probably misreading your privilege.” – DaShanne Stokes, Author & Sociologist

## 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

Stephanie Wheelock

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters!

**All who are hungry, come and eat!**

Our worth is not in our possessions,

**It is in the love from God that we share with one another.**

Life is too short to keep tally of wrongs and rights,

**Instead, may we outdo one another in our love of neighbor.**

Everyone who is in need of compassion, of forgiveness, come!

**Everyone who desires God's love will find it!**

Join together on this journey of faith,

**For we are not alone. Let us worship God!**

### \*Opening Hymn

"Come, Worship God" (vss 1, 3–4)

## \*Opening Prayer

Stephanie Wheelock

**God who provides, loosen our hold on possessions and power of this world. Loosen our grip on the myth of scarcity. Remind us that when we love one another, there is more than enough love to go around. When we care for one another's needs, our own needs will be met. Help us to look to the most vulnerable among us, as the early disciples did long ago when they cared for widows and orphans and the poor among them. May our sharing together increase our joy and fellowship. May we remember it is you who gave us this beautiful earth. You who give us the breath of life. You who lived as one of us, died as one of us, and lives again. You are amazing and awe-inspiring. Give us the strength to name our real needs and ask for help when we need it, so that we may also be receivers as well as givers of your love and care. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray and live by his example. Amen.**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Stephanie Wheelock

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: The Sacrament of Baptism

Eloise Fern Greimel

Child of Adelaide & Joel Greimel

*(unison)* **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Eloise, into Christ's Church. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.**

### Hymn of Response

"You Belong to Christ" (*sung twice*)

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### Scripture

Jeremiah 9:17–22 (OT: p. 710 | LPOT: p. 869)  
Selections from Psalms

## Message

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Shepherd Me, O Lord”

#### \*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

God, it is our prayer that this money, symbol of all that we have received as a gift from you, will be used through our church community and beyond to further your never-ending project of renewal in our world. Amen.

#### Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer (^ *Father, Mother or Creator*)

Our God<sup>^</sup> 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

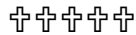
\*Closing Hymn “In Deepest Night”

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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: **Stephanie Wheelock** | Soloist: **Eugene Orr;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Don Alman**

Chancel flowers are given by **Jack & Leona Kley**, in *memory* of  
**Louise & Leon Bonikowski**, and **Nancy Jensen**,  
in *honor* of **Colin & Darby's birthdays**.

## 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. Children 3rd–5th grade will prepare cinnamon rolls for everyone to enjoy, and a table will be set up with activities for children.

There will also be a **BOOK EXCHANGE**. If you are interested in donating books, please **drop them off by Sunday, Sept. 3** at church. 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](mailto:carriewilkens@comcast.net).

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- 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
- Aug. 31 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- Sept. 4 | **Labor Day: Church Office Closed**
- Sept. 5 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)  
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)  
*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*
- Sept. 5 | Evening Star Circle (3–5:00 pm)  
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0674)
- Sept. 7 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- Sept. 9 | Creative Hands Crafting (9a–Noon)  
Contact Ruth Dukelow (952-923-0799)

*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.

## **Church Office Hours**

After Labor Day (Sept. 4), the church office will be open 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday, for the program year.

## **VEAP Donations**

Oak Grove's support for those in need in our community has always been awesome! We as a church will continue to collect donations year-round for VEAP, so please take note of the collection bin each time you come. There will be a sign with suggested donations by week of the month, but any and all non-expired food items are welcome, as well as diapers, toilet paper, cleaning items, etc. Monetary donations are also always welcome. Thank you for being the incredible people you are!

## **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](http://www.oakgrv.org).