

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

September 3, 2023 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“I wish I could show you when you are lonely or in darkness the astonishing light of your own being.” – Hafiz of Shiraz, Persian lyric poet

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

Mark Pridgeon

We gather hoping to see God,

here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.

We can see God when we show one another honor,

when we pursue hospitality to strangers,

when we live in harmony with one another, when we rejoice in hope.

Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

*Opening Hymn

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

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*Prayer of Confession

Mark Pridgeon

(Adapted from Guerrillas of Grace by Ted Loder)

One: Let us confess our sins to God, knowing we are forgiven.

All: Oh God, I am so fragile: my dreams get broken, my relationships get broken, my heart gets broken, my body gets broken.

One: What can I believe,

All: except that you will not despise a broken heart, that old and broken people shall yet dream dreams, and that the lame shall leap for joy, the blind see, the deaf hear.

One: What can I believe, except what Jesus taught:

All: That only what is broken, like bread, can be shared; that only what is broken is open to your entry; that old wineskins must be ripped open and replaced if the wine of new life is to expand.

One: So I believe, Lord;

All: help my unbelief that I may have courage to keep trying when I am tired, and to keep wanting passionately when I am found wanting... (*Silent Confession*)

***Assurance of Grace**

Mark Pridgeon

God's love for us is genuine. When we need it the most, God's grace washes over us seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts. We are all forgiven! Be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

Mark Pridgeon

As God's beloved people, 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

Hymn of Response

God of Great and God of Small (verse 1)

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Scripture

Joshua 4:1–9 (OT: p. 196 | LPOT: p. 243)

Luke 22:19 (NT: p. 86 | LPNT: p. 105)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” *trans. Gracia Grindal*
(South African tune)

***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**

Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer, our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves, in the hope that what we bring, you might magnify, and multiply, for the work of your love in the world. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Communion will be by intinction; please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat. The juice is non-alcoholic. Gluten free is available as well.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Thanksgiving & 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup “In Remembrance of Me” (chorus)

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Prayer following Communion

God of grace, you have renewed us at this table, and reminded us of the beloved kin-dom that you envision. May our lives be strengthened to do your work in this beautiful and hurting world. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen!

We Go Forth in God's Name

*Closing Hymn

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"
(vss 1, 3–5)

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*Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Mark Pridgeon** | Musicians: **Summertime Singers;**

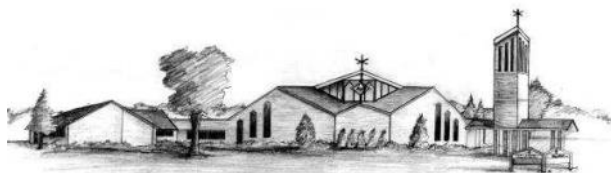
Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin, Bob Gerdes & Greg Johnson;**

Volunteer Custodians: **(9/03) Don Alman & (8/27) Al Greimel**

Chancel flowers are given by **Rod & Sarajane Myers,**
in *honor* of *all school personnel.*

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

Unique Opportunity to Help Feed Kids in Bloomington

Oak Grove supports Every Meal, a program to send bags of nutritious food home from school with students each week, with financial assistance and volunteers. Volunteers deliver the bags to Oak Grove Elementary every week and Indian Mounds Elementary every other week on Friday mornings before school starts. Time commitments are approximately 8:00–8:30 am. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mary Crampton (mary.crampton@gmail.com or 612-865-7890).

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.

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



- 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. 6 | **Choir Rehearsal Begins** (7:15 pm)
New members are welcome!
Contact Judy Cooper
- 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)
- Sept. 10 | Bloomington PRIDE! (12–5:00 pm)
Bloomington Civic Center Grounds
(1800 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Sept. 11 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)
- Sept. 11 | Soul Sisters (7–8:30 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

New Worship Time & 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. Worship returns to 10:30 am service beginning Sunday, Sept. 10.

Bible Study Begins Sept. 14!

Join Pastor Bart and/or Pastor Mary on Thursdays for bible study to look at the scripture that will be the basis for the sermon the following Sunday. We will read the scripture together and then dive in!

An email with the Zoom link is sent out each Thursday morning.



WoW! Dinner & Programs Begins Sept. 13! Join us Wednesday evenings for a time of fellowship. No reservations are needed. Dinner begins at 5:45 pm and each meal includes salad and dessert. The suggested meal donation is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children and a max of \$20 per family. Faith Formation begins at 6:15 pm.

Menu: Sept. 13: Pizza | Sept. 20: Tacos | Sept. 27: Breakfast for Dinner

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.