

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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Sept. 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together ... all things connect.” – Chief Seattle

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 *(based on Psalm 103:1–13)*

Travis Scott

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And do not forget all that God has done.

The Lord works vindication and justice,

For all who are oppressed.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

As a parent has compassion for their children,

So God has compassion for those who are in awe of the Creator.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"Come into God's Presence" (vss 1–2 & 4)

*Prayer of Confession

Travis Scott

Merciful God, we confess we are not good at practicing mercy. We would rather cultivate anger than compassion. We would rather hold grudges than practice forgiveness. We would rather judge others than repent and turn to you. We would rather let ourselves off the hook and condemn others for their actions. You are the Almighty One, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We know that you continue to call our names, to call us back to you, to show us the way, and to forgive us. We know that you sent your Son Jesus Christ to lead us into the way of forgiveness, grace, and mercy. Jesus laid down his life for us, so that we might know that nothing could separate us from your love, not even our own sins. Guide us into your ways of forgiveness, mercy, love, and grace. In the name of Christ, who lives again for us, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Travis Scott

You are God's beloved child. You were formed by the Creator and filled with God's compassion and love. We all fall short and go astray, but know that God is always calling us back, ready to welcome us with open arms.

There is nothing we can do that will stop God from loving us. There is nowhere we can go where God won't find us. This is the good news! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Travis Scott

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 Welcomes All (*sung twice*)

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Scripture Romans 14:1–12 (NT: p. 163 | LPNT: p. 198)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “The First Song of Isaiah” *Jack Noble White*

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain with the choir (on screens).

*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

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your reign among us. 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

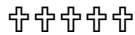
***Closing Hymn** “Where Charity and Love Prevail” 316

*Benediction

Postlude

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

^ During hymn, children 3, 4, & 5 years old may leave for Children’s Church



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Travis Scott** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow**

Chancel flowers are given today by **Mark & Marsha Pridgeon,**
in *memory* of ***father, Alfred J. Pridgeon.***

Pictorial Member Directory Reminder: There will be photographers available each Sunday through Oct. 1 after worship to take simple head shots of individuals, couples and families. If you would prefer to submit your own photo instead, please email it to ogpc@oakgrv.org. We look forward to getting as many photos as possible!

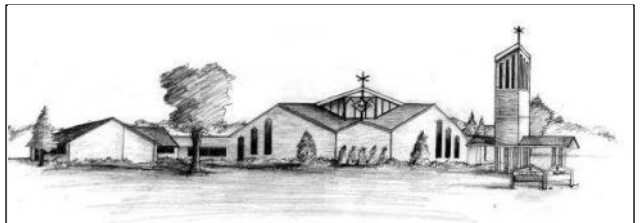
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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

Oak Rovers

Monday, Oct. 16 (5:00 pm): Join us at Willy McCoys (10700 France Ave S, Bloomington 55431) for a bite to eat then off to Artistry (1800 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington) for “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” at 7:30 pm which is a “pay what you can” performance. Sign up at church or RSVP to Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900 or pafisk1947@gmail.com).

Sunday, Dec. 10 (2:30 pm): Join us for the annual Christmas Concert at Wooddale Church (6630 Shady Oak Road, Eden Prairie 55344). The concert features two-time Tony nominated Broadway star Laura Osnes with the 140-voice Wooddale Choir and Orchestra under the direction of Artistic Director Dr. David Donelson. Tickets are \$15 and need to be paid for when signing up at church during the month of September. We will be carpooling from church. Questions? Contact Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900 or pafisk1947@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events

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

The Expo is free and open to the public. Test-drive a selection of today’s best-selling EVs with dealers. Talk to EV owners about their driving experiences. Try out a selection of E-Bikes, E-Mowers and E-Lawn Tools. Learn how you can charge your EV at home and on the road and save money. View the future of clean transportation with an E-School Bus and E-Mass Transit that will dramatically cut carbon emissions, clean up our air, and slow down global warming. Learn about EV tax credits and rebates. For more information, 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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- Sept. 19 | Tea for Caregivers (10:30 am)
Contact Pastor Mary
- Sept. 20 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)
Book: *Girls, Woman, Other*
by Bernardine Evaristo
Location: home of Joyce Reinke
Contact Pastor Mary
- Sept. 21 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- Sept. 21 | Bible Study (12–1:00 pm)
In-person or via Zoom
Bring a lunch if you like
Contact Pastor Bart of Mary
- Sept. 21 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: Soul Work
Christ the King Lutheran Church
(8600 Fremont Ave S, Bloomington)
- Sept. 26 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10a–Noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)
- All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.*

Bob Cuthill Memorial Service: Monday, Sept. 18 (10:00 am)

Location: Waverly Garden auditorium
5919 Centerville Rd, North Oaks 55127

Frank Hedgcock Celebration of Life: Sunday, Sept. 24 (2:00 pm)

Location: Founders' Ridge Chapel
6600 Auto Club Road, Bloomington

Celebrate Evelyn Melum & Glenn Pettit: Friday, Sept. 22

Join us for a car parade in honor of Oak Grove members Evelyn Melum, Glenn Pettit and other centenarians.

Please meet in the parking lot of Creekside Community Center (9801 Penn Ave S, Bloomington) at 3:00 pm to parade through the Presbyterian Homes parking lot at 3:30 pm.



WoW! Dinner & Programs 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. 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.