

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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Oct. 29, 2023

Reformation Sunday

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“It is extremely disturbing to live in a society that sees older people as a burden rather than rich experiences to benefit from and build upon. Older people can act as the memory that can help us make sense of what was, what is, and what could and should be.”— Louis Yako, Iraqi-American anthropologist, writer, poet, and journalist

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 90*)

Dick Nichols

God is our dwelling place from year to year, age to age. And yet, we become complacent, forgetting who we are.

God reform us and reshape us.

God's life surges forth through creation, like grass that renews every morning. And yet we prefer to be dust, swept away in the wind of every new idea and new fad.

God reform us and reshape us.

God turns to us, and has compassion on us, so the great work of our lives manifests Christ's glorious love to the world.

God reform us and reshape us. Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the church and be present to us as we worship you!

***Prayer of Confession**

Dick Nichols

Living God, you are the One who is always on the move, always creating and re-creating, always doing a new thing. And yet, we confess, O Lord, that our lives can become static, routinely paralyzed by doubt and fear. We remain stuck in patterns of greed, jealousy, and self-interest. We doubt your promises of abundant, everlasting life and so we live in dread of our neighbors, our friends, and our enemies. Our souls remain still. We do not love as you love. Nor do we live as you would have us live, with courage, generosity or the boldness of the gospel. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Spirit, and reform us with your compassion, remaking us more fully into the image of Christ, and as nimble servants of your reign. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Dick Nichols

Friends, the good news of the gospel is that God's love in Christ stretches so deep and so wide that it infiltrates every broken place in our hearts and in our world. Our hatred is met with love, our cruelty is met with compassion, our sins and our trespasses are met with forgiveness.

God's forgiveness is greater than anything we have ever done, or could do. We open our hearts to let the love of God in, because in Christ we are forgiven, freed, made new. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Dick Nichols

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 of Great and God of Small" (verse 1)

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Scripture

Selections from Romans

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Sure Foundation”

Mark Hayes

*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 of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer's 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

“We Will Go Out with Joy”

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*Benediction: A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” *(next page)*

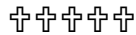
As you go forth from this place, go with the love of God who created you, the peace of Christ who saved you, and the Holy Spirit who reforms, renews, and refreshes you, today, tomorrow, and evermore.

Amen.

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Pierce Flanagan & Bob Gerdes**

Chancel flowers are given today by **Diane Baumgartner**,
in *honor* of **father Howard** & in *memory* of **mother Susan**,
and by **Tom Mielke** in *memory* of **Lynda**.

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.

Greeter: **Mary Pol**

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 Grove Fall Clean-Up Day: Saturday, Nov. 4 (9 am to 2 pm)

We will be cleaning up the church grounds to get them ready for the winter season. We will be raking and bagging leaves, trimming bushes, and doing some window cleaning. Please bring a rake, a pair of mittens and other trimming tools. Snacks and liberal breaks will be provided. Come for all or part of the day, whatever your schedule allows. Your help is greatly appreciated by the Building & Operations Committee.

Oak Rovers Country Western Potluck: Saturday, Nov. 4

Join us at Oak Grove for a potluck dinner (5 pm), our annual meeting (6 pm), followed by country western music from the *Creekside Crickets* (6:30 pm). We will begin setting up at 4:00 pm in the social hall. There will be a free will offering for VEAP. Sign up at church on Sundays in the narthex. Questions? Contact Patsy Fisk at 952-977-9900 or pafisk1947@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Nov. 5 (9–10:00 am)

Pastor Bart will talk about things we must keep in mind when making decisions that will benefit our neighbors.

All Saints Sunday: Nov. 5

On All Saints' Sunday, we celebrate the promise of everlasting life. We will be reciting the names and ringing the bell during worship for each Oak Grove member who has joined the Church Triumphant in the past year (Nov. 1, 2022–Oct. 31, 2023). If someone close to you, whom you want listed, has died in the past year, please send the name of the person, birth and death dates, relationship to you and a photo, if possible, to ogpc@oakgrv.org by Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Following worship, join us in the social hall for a ***Pastor Appreciation reception***. Come and show your support with your presence, verbally and/or with cards or notes. If unable to attend, please reach out to Pastors Bart and Mary anytime.

Waffle Brunch: Sunday, Nov. 12 (following worship)

You are invited to join Children's Ministry for a Waffle Brunch. Children in 3rd–6th grade will prepare waffles, sausages and all the fixings for a delicious brunch. Gluten free will be available, too. A free will offering will go to our children's Noisy Offering for making and sending hygiene kits to Presbyterian Disaster Relief.

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- Nov. 1 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45 pm)
Chili & Baked Potato Bar
(\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)
- Nov. 2 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- Nov. 2 | Bible Study (12–1:00 pm) via Zoom
Contact Pastor Bart of Mary
- Nov. 2 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: Missing Our Son (Parents' Grief)
Christ the King Lutheran Church
(8600 Fremont Ave S, Bloomington)
- Nov. 7 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Nov. 7 | Evening Star Circle (3–5:00 pm)
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0674)
- Nov. 8 | Goodrich-Nord Circle (9:30–10:30 am)
Pres. Homes (9901 Penn Ave S)
Contact Meg Robles (612-670-1257)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

2024 Chancel Flower Sign-ups Now Available

All are invited to contribute flowers to beautify the sanctuary and enrich our worship each week. Your contribution of \$30 for each bouquet can be made in honor or in memory of someone, in celebration and/or thanksgiving of loved ones. Your dedication will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Contact Sharon Fields at urbanfields8@gmail.com or 952-831-0504 to sign up and reserve your special date.

Vote on or before Tuesday, Nov. 7

Early voting is available at Bloomington Civic Plaza (1800 W Old Shakopee Rd). Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and Monday, Nov. 6 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). For more information, visit blm.mn/vote.

REMINDER: Turn your clocks back next Saturday

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 5, so be sure to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to sleep Saturday night.

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.