

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**

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**Nov. 5, 2023**

**All Saints Sunday**

**10:30 am**



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

“Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education .”— Franklin D. Roosevelt, American President

## 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

Karen Gerdes

We gather once again for worship and praise, to remember who we are and whose we are.

**What a privilege!**

We are the family of God, not by merit, but by love.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**

We gather on this day to remember the saints who have gone before us.

**We are grateful for their faithfulness, for the ways they have enriched our lives, for their presence with us now.**

Come, let us worship God!

### \*Opening Hymn

“Here in This Place” (vss 1–3)

## \*Prayer of Confession

Karen Gerdes

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. We are so short-sighted, worried about so many little irritants in our daily lives. We fail to take the long view and the wide view. You call us to proclaim your goodness and love, but we are often silent. You call us to do what is just, but we too often remain idle and indifferent to the cries of your children. You call us to live faithfully, but we are lazy. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kin-dom you have promised. (*Silent Prayer*)**

## \*Assurance of Pardon & Passing of the Peace

Karen Gerdes

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

May 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 "Rejoice in God's Saints" (verse 4)

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Scripture Matthew 23:1–12 (NT: p. 25 | LPNT: p. 31)

### Message

### Recognition of the Saints (17)

Kurt Berens

Roger Berg

Doug Dow

Yvonne Erickson

Judy Gentry

Marjorie Gibson

Chris Gilfillan

Frank Hedgcock

Roger Hornnes

Linda Kay Kangas

Angela Romeo

Rourk Scott

Hal Shannon

Janet Shannon

Jerry Sherman

Pat Wilson

Crystal Winkelman

## Prayer

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished the race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you, those you have now received into your presence. Help us to treat each day as a precious gift. And when our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live. For in life and death, we belong to You. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

#Hymn of Response "For All the Saints" (vss 1, 3 & 5)

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## Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

### Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "My Faith, My Hope"

*Gwyneth Walker*

## \*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.

## Sacrament of Communion

*Communion will be by intinction; please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, a server will come to you.*

*The juice is non-alcoholic. Gluten free is available as well.*

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

## 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.**

## Words of Institution

### Sharing of the Bread & Cup

### Prayer following Communion

**Gracious God, we give thanks that You have met us at the table and nourished us with your love. Refreshed and fed, lead us into the world to live as faithful and dedicated disciples. We pray in the name of Jesus, AMEN.**

## We Go Forth in God's Name

### \*Closing Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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### \*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: **Mary Koon & Bart Roush;**

Liturgist: **Karen Gerdes** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

Greeters: **Kay Lancette & Bev Noble;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Gordon Goodwin, Greg Johnson & Ruth Dukelow**

Chancel flowers are given today by **Sue Powers**,  
in *memory* of **husband Jack Powers**, and by **Mary & Rick Render**,  
in *honor* of **great-grandson Liam**.

# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

## **Pastor Appreciation: Sunday, Nov. 5 (following worship)**

Join us in the social hall for a small 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.

## **Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Nov. 12 (9–10:00 am)**

Kay King, Community Educator from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), will do a presentation/discussion on **Creating Caring Faith Communities**. Learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes and five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience a mental illness. This one-hour class is for faith communities interested in learning about mental illnesses and helping to change attitudes towards mental illnesses .

## **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.

## **Our Home: Native Minnesota: Saturday, Nov. 18 (1:30 pm)**

### **A Minnesota History Center Exhibit**

As part of our ongoing efforts to go beyond our land acknowledgement you are invited to join fellow Oak Grovers (friends and other family members are welcome also) to learn about Native communities in Minnesota, including stories of survival, resiliency, and adaptation.

Native Americans — Dakota, Ojibwe, as well as people from other tribal nations — have dwelled in this area for thousands of years and still live here today. This exhibit shares their stories, enduring presence, and deep connection to the land.

The cost is \$10/person for the exhibit and the **deadline to register is Sunday, Nov. 5**. There is an optional pre-tour lunch (11 am) at Spirit Kitchen in the Midtown Global Market which includes a short presentation about Native American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS).

Sign up is available in the church narthex or via the Oak Grove website: <https://bit.ly/native-minnesota>. Questions? Contact Ron Dubis (612-868-9197).

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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)

Nov. 8 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45 pm)  
Hamburgers & Tater Tots  
(\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)

Nov. 9 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

Nov. 9 | Bible Study (12–1:00 pm) via Zoom  
Contact Pastor Bart of Mary

Nov. 9 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)  
Topic: Navigating Through the Holidays  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
(8600 Fremont Ave S, Bloomington)

Nov. 11 | Creative Hands Crafting (9a–Noon)  
Contact Ruth Dukelow (952-923-0799)

*All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.*

## 2024 Chancel Flower Sign-ups

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 memory of someone, in celebration and/or thanksgiving of loved ones. Each dedication will be acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 or [urbanfields8@gmail.com](mailto:urbanfields8@gmail.com) or to sign up and reserve your special date.

## Vote on or before Tuesday, Nov. 7

Early voting is still available at the Bloomington Civic Plaza (1800 W Old Shakopee Rd). on Monday, Nov. 6 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). For more information, visit [blm.mn/vote](http://blm.mn/vote).



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Chris Gilfillan** who joined the church triumphant on Oct. 30, 2023. "In Life and Death we belong to God."

## **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).