

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

Nov. 12, 2023

24th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am



JESUS MAFA. Christ on Gethsemane | <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48391>

A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“If you walk down the street and see someone in a box, you have a choice. That person is either the other and you’re fearful of them, or that person is an extension of your family.”— Susan Sarandon, Actor

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 "Thanks Be to Thee" Hand Bell Choir
/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 27*) Ignatius Esele

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

Day after day, we seek God's face and the assurance of God's holy love:

O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us! Be our guide and our light instead!

One thing we ask of God:

That we may live in God's dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God's home.

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving,

for God is among and within us! Thanks be to God!

***Prayer of Confession**

Ignatius Esele

Gracious God: when we cannot see you, you look in compassion upon us; when we cannot speak a word, you hear the sighs of our hearts; when we are falling apart, you hold us together with your grace.

Jesus, Healing Hand of God: you reach out to take away all which distracts us from discipleship; you challenge us to give away everything which keeps us from following you; you surround us with people, even strangers, who enfold us with your love and hope.

Loving Spirit: when we are too weary to put one faltering foot in front of the other, you carry us in your strength; as we seek to challenge the unfairness of our world, you stand beside us in your justice; when we are afraid to come near, you bear our prayers to the seat of grace.

God in community, Holy One, forgive us when we stay silent, get distracted, and fall short. In your mercy we pray.

***Assurance of Grace**

Ignatius Esele

There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God’s love.

God is patient and kind, generous and good. God does not forsake us or leave us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free. Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

Ignatius Esele

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

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (*sung twice*)

Scripture

Philippians 4:6–7 (NT: p. 198 | LPNT: p. 242)
Hebrews 4:14–16 (NT: p. 220 | LPNT: p. 267)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “More Love” (*lyrics on screens*)

Mark A. Miller

*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, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. 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

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant” (vss 1–2, 4–5)

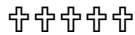
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*Benediction

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: **Bart Roush & Mary Koon**;
Liturgist: **Ignatius Esele** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir & Hand Bell Choir**;
Soloist: **Cece Klueh** | Percussion: **Caitlin Lucic**;
Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Bob Gerdes & Ruth Dukelow**

Chancel flowers are given today by **Dorothy Beattie**,
in *memory* of **husband Gordon, son Jeff & grandson Sam**,
and in *honor* of **grandson Pete & Family**,
and by **Jack & Leona Kley**, in *memory* of **Ed Kley & all veterans**.



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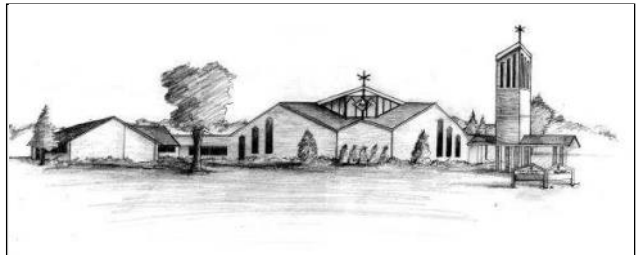
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

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.

Greeter: **Carol McCarthy**



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

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.

Upcoming Memorial Services

Chris Gilfillan: Saturday, Nov. 11

Visitation: 10:30 am | Service: 11:00 am

Gill Brothers Funeral Home (9947 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington 55420)

Web: <https://bit.ly/ogpc-chris-gilfillan>

Yvonne Erickson: Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Oak Grove

Visitation: 10:00 am | Service: 11:00 am

A reception with the family will follow the service.

Web: <https://bit.ly/ogpc-yvonne-erickson>

Give to the Max Day 2023

Give to the Max is a statewide outpouring of support for thousands of nonprofits and schools across Minnesota! The Giving Holiday is scheduled for **Thursday, Nov. 16**, but you don't have to wait to support the causes that mean the most to you. Early Giving started Nov. 1, so search GiveMN.org for your favorite nonprofits and schools and make a gift!

Oak Grove pays higher transaction fees through this event so we don't encourage you to make significant donations here, but it's a great opportunity to make your annual per capita payment (\$37.50 per person) or just give an extra gift for fun.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 22 through Friday, Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. If there is an urgent matter during this time, please contact Pastor Bart Roush at 210-551-1136.

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Nov. 13 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)

Nov. 13 | Soul Sisters (7–8:30 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary

Nov. 14 | Lunch Bunch (11a–2:00 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary

Nov. 15 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)
Book: *Dinners with Ruth*
by Nina Totenberg
Location: home of Sylvia Moore
Contact Pastor Mary

Nov. 15 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45 pm)
Turkey Dinner with the Fixings & Pie
(\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)

Nov. 16 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

Nov. 16 | Bible Study (12–1:00 pm) via Zoom
Contact Pastor Bart of Mary

Nov 21 | Tea for Caregivers (10:30 am)
Contact Pastor Mary

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 or to sign up and reserve your special date.

Save the Date: Sunday, Dec. 3

- Mission Gift Fair (9–10:30 am) in Gideon Pond Hall.
- River Heights Chorale presents *Winter Soundscapes* (3–4:30 pm) in the Sanctuary.

Contact Information Changes

If you move or change your phone number or email address, please let the church know so we can update our records. Send any and all changes to ogpc@oakgrv.org or call 952-888-4621. Thanks for helping us keep everyone connected!

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.