

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

Rod Myers

With grateful hearts, we gather to worship,

We give God thanks and praise.

With open minds, we listen to the needs of others,

We give God thanks and praise.

With outstretched hands, we serve one another,

We give God thanks and praise.

With all our being, we follow Jesus Christ,

And we give God thanks and praise. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

***Prayer of Confession**

Rod Myers

Savior of the World, we come before you, confessing that we still hunger and thirst. We know you are the Bread of Life, the Wellspring of Living Water, but we hunger for righteousness and thirst for justice. We crave mercy and forgiveness, and desire peace. We are not satisfied by the ways of the world, we seek the deeper way with you. You are the one who satiates our needs, but our needs have not yet been met, for the world is still broken. Loving Christ, may we not be content until the needs of all have been fulfilled. May we still strive for justice and mercy, as long as injustice harms our neighbors and compassion is scarce. May we know that you are with us, and that you are the only one who will bring us into the fullness of life now and forever, by leading us into the paths of justice, mercy, and forgiveness. May our hunger and thirst bring us closer to you, O Christ our Lord, our Savior, and our Friend. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Rod Myers

Our God is a God of new beginnings. There is always a new day, a new week, a new month, a new season. There is always time to start doing the right thing.

There is always time to repent, to turn back to God's ways, and live into the promises of God. We will go and do the right thing by practicing justice, kindness, and humility. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Rod Myers

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 "Give Thanks"

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Scripture

Philippians 4:4–7 (NT: p. 198 | LPNT: p. 242)
Colossians 3:15–17 (NT: p. 201 | LPNT: p. 246)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

*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 coming 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

“Let All Things Now Living”

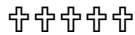
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*Benediction

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: **Rod Myers** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Pierce Flanagan & Chris Diller**

Chancel flowers are given today by

Iris Karow, in *memory* of *mother Iris Phillips*, and
by **Barb Nelson**, in *memory* of *husband Lorne & mother Catherine*.



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.

Greeters:

Pat Gleason & Amy Pittenger



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

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Nov. 26 (9–10:00 am)

A representative from Agate Housing and Services, a social advocacy organization committed to ending homelessness, will share about the organization.

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.

Alternative Christmas Marketplace: Sunday, Dec. 3 (9–10:30 am)

Join us for the Marketplace in Gideon Pond Hall. During this time, there will be coffee, juice, and cinnamon rolls to enjoy as well as entertainment from some of our very own Oak Grovers. Additionally, there will be a photo booth, and handcrafted items for sale. We will have items from those who have shared their talents in the kitchen with things like baked goods, jams, pickles, and other food items for sale.

If you are a hand crafter and have items to donate for sale, or baked goods to donate, please drop them by the church office on or before Friday, Dec. 1, or you can drop them off at church between 9-noon on Saturday during setup. Questions? Contact Sharon Nolte at 952-884-1014 or sharonnolte@yahoo.com.

Knit Tree

The OGPC Presbyterian Women will again sponsor the Knit Tree. Bring mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for donations to Cornerstone. It will be up through Sunday, Dec. 10. Thank you!



The rosebud on the chancel this week is in honor of
Wesley Atticus David Frost, born Nov. 2, 2023.

Parents are Hannah & Seb Frost,
and proud grandmother is Cathy Colborn.

Welcome Wesley!

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



- Nov 21 | Yvonne Erickson Memorial
10 am: Visitation | 11 am: Service
A luncheon will follow the service
<https://bit.ly/ogpc-yvonne-erickson>
- Nov 28 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10 am to noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)
- Nov 28 | Tea for Caregivers (10:30 am)
Contact Pastor Mary
- Nov. 29 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45 pm)
Tacos
(\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)
- Nov. 30 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
- Nov. 30 | Bible Study (12–1:00 pm) via Zoom
Contact Pastor Bart of Mary
- Dec. 5 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Dec.. 5 | Evening Star Circle (3–5:00 pm)
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0674)
- 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.

River Heights Chorale Concert: Sunday, Dec. 3

River Heights Chorale will present *Winter Soundscapes* (3–4:30 pm) in the Sanctuary. Free will offering gratefully accepted. No ticket required. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful holiday music.



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Bill Cross** who joined the church triumphant on Nov. 9, 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.