

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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Jan. 14, 2024

Installation of Officers

10:30 am



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

“I learned that racism, like most systems of oppression, isn't about bad people doing terrible things to people who are different from them but instead is a way of maintaining power for certain groups at the expense of others.” – Alicia Garza, Author of *The Purpose of Power: How We Come Together When We Fall Apart*

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Canon in D"

by Pachelbel

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

Carol Brightman

On that first day, when time began:

you gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness; the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

On that day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

you spoke of life for all your children, as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

you call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to you, your voice claiming us as your own. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"In Christ Called to Baptize" (vss 1, 3–4)

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*Prayer of Confession

Carol Brightman

Gracious God, in Jesus Christ, you teach us to love our neighbors, but we build dividing walls of hostility. You show us how to love one another as siblings but we hide ourselves from our own human family. You ask us to seek out the stranger and welcome the guest, but we lock ourselves up inside our own fear. You want us to share your abundant gifts with the poor, but we cling tightly to our possessions and our privilege. You call us to proclaim good news to all people, but we waste our words and hide our light.

Have mercy on us, loving God. Forgive our sins, open our hearts, and change our lives. By your Spirit, make us holy and whole—one people, united in faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ, our reconciler and redeemer.

*Assurance of Grace

Carol Brightman

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!

If God is for us, who is against us? Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

*Passing of the Peace

Carol Brightman

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

"Together We Serve" (vss 1 & 4)

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

Scripture

Mark 1:4–11 (NT: p. 34 | LPNT: p. 42)

Acts 19:1–7 (NT: p. 139 | LPNT: p. 169)

Message

Service of Ordination & Installation

Constitutional Questions

Do we, the members of the church accept Kylie, Alicia, Randy, Emily, Eugene, and Bill as ruling elders; and Jan, Al, Sarajane, Bea, and Don as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? Do we? **We do.**

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

arr. Eithun

***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** (*adapted from MLK, Jr. Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech*)

We believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits.

We believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-entered people can build up. By the goodness of God at work within the people, we believe that brokenness can be healed. “And the lion and the lamb will lie down together, and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid.”

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**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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***Benediction**

We are called to be the church;

To love and serve others, to commit ourselves to work for change. To bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, to stand with those on the edge, and to be used by the spirit for God's beloved community of hope.

Look at your hands, see and touch the tenderness,

God's own for the world.

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction.

God's own for the world.

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love,

God's own for the world.

Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Savior

God's own for the world.

We are called to be the church. This is God's world,

And we will serve God in it.

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

2023 Contribution Statements: Statements will be sent out via email the week of Jan. 22. If we don't have a current email on file, we will mail a hard copy instead. Feel free to contact Laura Nemcek with any questions (LNemcek@oakgrv.org or 952-512-2052). THANK YOU!

Adult Faith Formation Sunday, Jan. 21 (9–10:00 am): Dr. Gabrielle Clowdus is part of the stewardship team at Settled. They have developed a research-based approach of breaking homelessness through close relationships with the chronically homeless and those who serve them. www.settled.org

Oak Grove Town Hall Meetings: This is your chance to ask questions, share your input, and help chart the course of Oak Grove's future. There are two opportunities with the same information. We can't wait to see you there!

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Enjoy a delicious dinner at 5:45 pm, followed by the Town Hall meeting at 6:15 pm as part of WoW.

Sunday, Jan. 28: Join us after worship for the Town Hall meeting and lunch.



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Carol Brightman** | Musicians: **Hand Bell Choir;**

Piano/Organ: **Nancy Jensen** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Randy Dop & Ruth Dukelow**

Chancel flowers are given today by

Jack, David & Nancy Kley, in *honor* of **Leona Kley**, and
by **Mary Bowen-Eggebraaten & Noel Eggebraaten**,
in *remembrance* of **Mary's parents, Carol & Louise Bowen,**
and her sister Karen Bowen Smith.

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- Jan. 15 | *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
Church Office Closed
- Jan. 16 | Tea for Caregivers (10:30–11:30 am)
Contact Pastor Mary
- Jan. 16 | Children's Ministry (7–8:00 pm)
Virtual: <https://bit.ly/3Scx3CI>
Contact Pastor Mary
- Jan. 17 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)
Book: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Bachman
Location: home of Joyce Reinke
Contact Pastor Mary
- Jan. 17 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45 pm)
Chili & Baked Potato Bar
(\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)
- Jan. 18 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
- Jan. 18 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: Taking Control of Your Finances
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
(1701 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington)
- Jan. 18 | Green Committee (6–7:30 pm)
Contact John Crampton (612-396-6010)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

Oak Grove Men's Retreat: Feb. 2–4, 2024

Please join us for the Oak Grove Men's Retreat at Clearwater Forest. This is a great time of fellowship and recharging. Accommodations will be at Leaning Tree Lodge with Sat. breakfast, lunch & dinner, and Sun. breakfast provided.

Cost will be determined by the number of attendees. If cost is a barrier, there are options to help cover for those who are in need.

Questions? Contact Eric Duvall (952-567-4151) or Adam Wilkens (952-250-4877).

Register at <https://bit.ly/ogpc-mens-retreat>.



Feed My Starving Children: Saturday, Jan. 27 (2–3:45 pm) in Eagan

Children's Ministry is sponsoring a trip to Feed My Starving Children to pack meals. We still have 20 spots available. Please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday or contact Mary Koon (mkoon@oakgrv.org) or Cece Klueh (cklueh21@gmail.com).

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.