

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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Feb. 4, 2024

5th Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder

"I wonder if much that ails our society stems from the fact that we have allowed ourselves to be cut off from that love of, and from, the land. It is medicine for broken land and empty hearts."

– Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

"Song of the Wind"

Hand Bells

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 147*)

Dick Nichols

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

For God is gracious, healing the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

God's understanding is beyond measure. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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*Prayer of Confession

Dick Nichols

Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Dick Nichols

God's mercy is new every morning. We are given the winds of grace beneath our wings. So take flight on this new day with God, for God wants us to truly live. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Dick Nichols

Let us greet one another as God's beloved people. 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

Anthem

"Like a River in My Soul"

arr. Osiek

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

Scripture

Mark 1: 29–39 (NT: p. 35 | LPNT: p. 43)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Love is the Boat for the Journey"

by Callanan

***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**

Generous God, we offer these gifts to you, to be used in service to the world you love. Bless and multiply this treasure that the hungry may be fed, the naked clothed and all find hope. Nurture our generosity, and in all things, make us instruments of your peace. 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

Loving God, we thank you that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

We Go Forth in God's Name

***Closing Hymn**

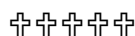
"God of Our Life"

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***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Dick Nichols;**

Musicians: **Hand Bell Choir & Soprano/Alto Ensemble;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Randy Dop & Gordon Goodwin**

Chancel flowers are given today by

Dorothy Beattie, in *honor* of *family and friends*.

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.

Greeter: **Barb Nelson**



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



HINT #1: Countdown to April 14 Opportunity Fair *(a Mission Committee event)*

What do **Cornerstone, Meals on Wheels, Oasis for Youth, and VEAP** have in common? If you answered, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church helped start each of them, ***GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS!***

WoW! Wednesday, Feb. 7 (6:30–7:30 pm) North STAR Act

Adults will hear from Bloomington resident and activist Karen Willis. The North STAR Act of 2024 is a bill in the Minnesota state legislature to protect immigrants and their children from the threat of devastating consequences when police report or detain people for minor civil infractions to ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement).

Sunday Adult Faith Formation: Feb. 11–March 17 (9–10:00 am)

We will discuss the Marcus Borg classic, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. This small and elegant book is our Lenten offering, and we encourage you to pick up a copy of the book and join us as we dig deep into Borg's scholarship on Jesus.

Coldest Night of the Year Walk: Saturday, Feb. 24 (4:00 pm)

A group from Oak Grove will be participating in the Coldest Night of the Year walk in downtown Minneapolis to raise awareness of food insecurity and homelessness in Minneapolis, and to raise money for Agate Housing + Services. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to join the "walkers," and for more information on making financial donations to Agate. Questions? Contact Bill Pomroy (218-391-3319).

Join us at a Timberwolves game! Sunday, March 3 (2:30 pm)

Join fellow Oak Grovers to see the Western Conference leading Timberwolves when Karl-Anthony Towns, Anthony Edwards and Rudy Gobert take on the Los Angeles Clippers. Tickets are \$40 and are in section 218. We will also participate in the "fan tunnel" greeting the players as they go out for warm-ups. Questions? Contact Ron Dubis (612-868-9194). Sign up at: www.oakgrv.org/game/; ***the deadline is Sunday, Feb. 18.*** We hope to see you there!

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- Feb. 5 | Pres. Women Coord. Team (1:30–2:30 pm)
Contact Jody Milton (612-730-3962)
- Feb. 6 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Feb. 6 | Evening Star Circle (3–5:00 pm)
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0684)
- Feb. 7 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45 pm)
Pizza (\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)
- Feb. 8 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
- Feb. 8 | Bible Study (12–1:00 pm) via Zoom
Contact Pastor Bart or Pastor Mary
- Feb. 8 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: The Power of Your Story
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
(1701 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington)
- Feb. 8 | Building & Operations (6:30–8:00 pm)
Contact Rod Myers (612-670-3886)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

Intergenerational Retreat (March 1–3)

Join us at Clearwater Forest for a weekend of relaxation, recreation and fellowship with friends of all ages. We welcome families, couples and singles.

Lodging will be in Leaning Tree Lodge. Enjoy the outdoor winter recreation opportunities as well as pleasant indoor games, resting and relaxing.

The event will begin Friday evening and end on Sunday morning. We do our own meal preparations to lower the cost.

Sign-ups have begun and are available in the narthex. Questions? Contact Larry Pearson (pear3408@aol.com or 952-835-9480).



New Members Inquiry Lunch/Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 11 (after worship)

If you are interested in learning more about Oak Grove, and/or interested in joining the church, please join us for lunch following 10:30 am worship. We'll have a time of introductions, learn about Oak Grove, it's ministries and values, and the Presbyterian Church USA. Those who wish will be offered a tour of the building. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sandy Crum (952-715-1252 or crumsandy@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.