

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. 11, 2024

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder

"Racism is a white problem. It was constructed and created by white people and the ultimate responsibility lies with white people. For too long we've looked at it as if it were someone else's problem, as if it was created in a vacuum."

– Robin DiAngelo, PhD, American Author

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

Stephanie Wheelock

Gathered in this sacred place, we anticipate God's presence.

Open our eyes to your transforming light.

On the mountaintop, and in the valleys,

Open our ears to your transforming voice.

When we celebrate and when we mourn,

Open our hearts to your transforming love and let our mouths speak praise! Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"
(sung to: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee)

***Prayer of Confession**

Stephanie Wheelock

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

We speak when we should listen,
and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.

Grant us wisdom to live in your light, and to follow in the way of the beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord... *(continue in silent prayer)*

***Assurance of Grace**

Stephanie Wheelock

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life is gone, a new life has begun.

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***Passing of the Peace**

Stephanie Wheelock

We are beloved by God; therefore, let us greet each other as children of God.
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

“Go Out and Pray” & “All in All”

Children's Choir

After the anthem, children 3, 4, & 5 year olds may leave for Children's Church

Scripture

Mark 9: 2–9 (NT: p. 44 | LPNT: p. 54)

Message

Mountaintop

Affirmation of Faith “When Glory: A Blessing for Transfiguration Sunday”
(by Jan Richardson)

That when glory comes, we will open our eyes to see it. That when glory shows up, we will let ourselves be overcome not by fear but by the love it bears. That when glory shines, we will bring it back with us, all the way, all the way, all the way down.

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “O Christ, Surround Me” by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

***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**

With these offerings we proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus. We commit to Christ’s way of love, justice and peace. Use these gifts, and use us, we pray, to bring hope and healing to your world. 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

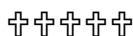
***Closing Hymn** One Day Jesus Climbed a Mountain (vss 1–2 & 4–5)^
(Tune: Infant, Holy, Infant Lowly) on screens

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Mary Koon**;

Liturgist: **Stephanie Wheelock** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes, Randy Dop & Chris Diller**

Chancel flowers are given today by

Jill Dubis & Anne Klueh, in *memory* of *mother Audrey St. Martin*
on the 100th anniversary of her birth, and by

Leona & Jack Kley, in *memory* of *Leon V. Bonikowski, OSFS.*

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

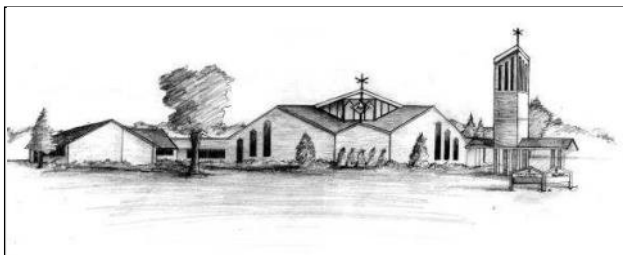
**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

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: **Jack Kley**



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 #2: Countdown to April 14 Opportunity Fair (a Mission Committee event)

Who holds forums where the public can meet and hear from the candidates running for office? If you answered, the **League of Women Voters, YOU ARE AN INFORMED VOTER!**

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.

WoW! for Adults: Feb. 21–March 20 (6:30–7:30 pm)

We will meet each Wednesday for worship using the theme, *Wandering Heart: figuring out faith with Peter*. WoW worship throughout Lent will feature prayer, art, poetry and music.

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. 12 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Feb. 12 | Soul Sisters (7–8:30 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary
- Feb. 13 | Lunch Bunch (11am–2:00 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary
- Feb. 14 | Goodrich-Nord Circle (9:30–10:30 am)
Pres. Homes (9901 Penn Ave S)
Contact Meg Robles (612-670-1257)
- Feb. 14 | WoW! Dinner (5:45 pm)
Pasta (\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)
Ash Wednesday Service (6:30 pm)
- Feb. 15 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
- Feb. 15 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6:00 pm)
Topic: Understanding Grief
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
(1701 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington)
- Feb. 15 | Green Committee (6–7:30 pm)
Contact John Crampton (612-396-6010)

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).



Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Feb. 25 (following worship)

Please join us for the Annual Meeting of Oak Grove Presbyterian Church. We will need to secure a quorum of at least 50 people to conduct official church business. A special email will be sent on Monday, Feb. 12 with links for the meeting for those unable to attend in-person and the annual report.

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.