

*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. 25, 2024

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder

"If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies."
– Desmond Tutu, South African Anglican bishop and theologian

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

Kylie Borchardt

We honor this time and keep it holy,

Because God makes all moments holy.

We gather to worship,

Because we worship God everywhere we are.

We lift up our prayers and our praise to God now,

So that our daily life will be a witness of God's love, grace, and mercy.

Come, worship God, and find the sacred now,

Come, let us worship God, and find the holy in everyday life.

***Prayer of Confession**

Kylie Borchardt

Almighty One, we confess that we have not ordered our lives well. We have placed our own desires as priorities over what you taught us was most important. We have not loved our neighbors and have not witnessed your love in our daily lives. Forgive us for our mistakes. Forgive us for our selfishness. Forgive us for our short-sightedness. Call us into your ways of love. Call us into your ways of reconciliation. Call us to order our lives as your Son Jesus taught us, to love you, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

***Assurance of Grace**

Kylie Borchardt

In God there is mercy and forgiveness. Put your lives back in order by putting God at the center.

We will strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God as we witness to God’s love and forgiveness. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Kylie Borchardt

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, I Want to Be a Christian” (vss 1 & 4)

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

Scripture

Mark 8:31–38 (NT: p. 44 | LPNT: p. 53)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “Ubi Caritas” (*Where Charity Is*) *by Durable*

Translation: Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

***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**

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy God, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times – the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable – yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus’ name, we pray. 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

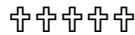
***Closing Hymn** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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***Benediction**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

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

Liturgist: **Kylie Borchardt** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Bob Gerdes & Ruth Dukelow**

Chancel flowers are given today by **Sue Powers**,
in *honor* of **Meg Robles, Mari, James & Geoff**
for their love of all creatures great and small.

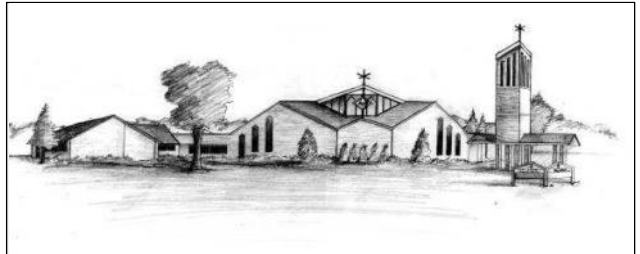
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**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.



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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HINT #4: Countdown to April 14 Opportunity Fair *(a Mission Committee event)*

Who provides homes for those experiencing homelessness and those seeking affordable homes? If you said, **AEON, AGATE and URBAN HOMEWORKS, YOU ARE INFORMED!**

Oak Rovers: Monday, Feb. 26 (5:00 pm): Join us at Willy McCoys (10700 France Ave S, Bloomington 55431) for dinner. Oak Rovers is a group of members and friends (mostly over 50 but all are welcome) from Oak Grove. Questions? Contact Patsy Fisk (pafisk1947@gmail.com or 952-977-9900). We hope to see you there!

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-up in the narthex. Questions? Contact Larry Pearson (952-835-9480 or pear3408@aol.com).

Guatemalan Coffee for Sale: Sunday, March 3: The Café Juan Ana Coffee Program guarantees small, independent coffee growers a just price for their product, which helps them support their families. Oak Grove wants to continue this partnership with the growers in San Lucas Toliman. Each quarter on the first Sunday of the month (March, June, September & December) we will have coffee available for sale during church. Each one-pound bag (Regular Roast ground or whole beans, or Dark Roast whole beans) costs \$12.



The white rose on the baptismal font commemorates the completion of Baptism for **Bev Carroll** who joined the church triumphant on Feb. 22, 2024. “In Life and Death we belong to God.”

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- Feb. 27 | Prayer Shawl Ministry (10a–noon)
Contact Nancy Kachel (952-884-1895)
- Feb. 27 | Session (6:45–8:15 pm)
Contact Pastor Bart
- Feb. 28 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45 pm)
Sloppy Joes with Macaroni & Cheese
(\$7 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family)
- Feb. 29 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
- Feb. 29 | Todd Peterson Memorial Service (2:00 pm)
Visitation begins at 1:00 pm
<https://bit.ly/ogpc-todd-peterson>
- Mar. 5 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Contact Jim McCarl (952-948-2991)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
- Mar. 5 | Evening Star Circle (3–5:00 pm)
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0684)

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

Woven Voices Concert: Sunday, Feb. 25 (3:00 pm)

Woven Voices is a chamber choir composed of experienced singers from various Minnesota-based choirs. We come together to joyfully explore and share choral literature written for soprano and alto voices.

Woven Voices will be presenting their Mid-Winter Concert "The Faces of Women" in the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church sanctuary today.

Free will donations gratefully accepted. No ticket required. The singers will be unmasked for the concert.



Easter Honorarium/Memorials

On Sunday, March 3, 10 and 17, we'll be available for you to sign up to donate in honor, in memory, or in celebration of a special event as we decorate the chancel for Easter, March 31 and the following Sunday, April 7. Your donations will be used to purchase potted flowering plants and any remaining amount will be given to VEAP. Flowers will then be donated to homebound members and/or people on the prayer list. Questions? Contact Sharon Fields (952-831-0504).

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.