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OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Nov. 1, 2026 **All Saints Sunday** **10:30 am**

A Thought to Ponder

"Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country, and this world" – *Sharon Salzberg, Author*

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship Lizanne Ham

One: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

All: Their faith gives us courage; their love strengthens our hearts.

One: We run the race set before us,

All: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

One: With all the saints, in heaven and on earth…

All: let us worship God with praise and thanksgiving!

***Opening Hymn** "O God In Whom All Life Begins" 308

***Prayer of Confession** Lizanne Ham

All: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that at times we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. (*silent confession*)

***Assurance of Grace** Lizanne Ham

One: Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Let us give thanks unto the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Passing of the Peace Lizanne Ham

One: As beloved people of God, forgiven and freed, let us share a sign of peace with our neighbors. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: 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 "These Treasured Children" (vss 1 & 4) 487

Scripture Matthew 5:1–12 (NT: 4 | LPNT: 4)

Meditation "Shine Like the Saints"

Recognition of the Saints (10)

Nancy Augustson	Alice Hawks
Susan Bachman	Helen Knipe
Howard Baumgartner	Kathy Lee
Jim Furber	Larry Throndson
Gordon Goodwin	George Wasson

Prayer

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished the race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you and who have now been received into your presence. Help us to face each day as a precious gift. And when our days here have ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to life. For in life and death, we belong to you. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

Hymn of Response "For All the Saints" (vss 1, 3 & 5) 326

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Sure Foundation" *by Mark Hayes*

***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**

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offering for your glory and in service to your world, that all might know peace and hope. 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, you have sent your Spirit to unite us with saints, past and present, in this meal. May we leave this place empowered to be your hands, feet, hearts, and voices in this beautiful and heart-breaking world. May it be so! AMEN

We Go Forth in God's Name

***Closing Hymn** "Like a Tree" (*on screens*)

***Benediction**

Sending Song "What Does the Lord Require of You?" 70

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastors: **Mary Koon & Bart Roush;**
Liturgist: **Lizanne Ham** | Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**
Pianist/Organist: **Nancy Jensen** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**
Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Plerce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow;**
Greeters: **Bonnie Reid & Rick Roche** | Custodian: **Bear Brown**

Chancel flowers are given today by
Dorothy Beattie, in ***memory*** of ***husband, Gordon, son, Jeff, & grandson, Sam,*** and by
Cece & Dan Nedrud, in ***celebration*** of ***our one year anniversary.***

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Adult Faith Formation: Sundays, 9:00–10:00 am

Please join us in the Fireside room for informative, faith-filled speakers and topics. Afterwards, join us in the social hall for coffee and refreshments.

Nov. 8: We'll watch and discuss an interview with Hanna Reichel, author of For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional. A helpful resource to review this week as we consider the needs for Christian public witness in the post-election season.

Nov. 15: Slats Toole on Incarnation and queerness.

Children & Youth Faith Formation: Sundays, 9:30–10:15 am

Children (preschool to 5th grade) will start in the community room before proceeding to their classrooms. Youth (6th–12th grades) will meet in room 5 (middle school) on the lower level for Sunday School.

Assistive Listening Devices Available for Worship

Oak Grove has some assistive listening devices available to use during your time in the sanctuary and in the social hall which are very easy to use. Please see one of the ushers to help you. You will be given a small handheld device to set the volume, and an ear clip. After you have used them just return to the cabinet in the narthex. We hope this device will make worship a more meaningful experience for those who are hearing impaired.

Oak Rovers Potluck & Annual Meeting: Saturday, Nov. 21

Join us at Oak Grove for a potluck dinner at noon, followed by our annual meeting 1–2:00 pm to recap 2026 and discuss plans for 2027. We will begin setting up at 11:00 am in the social hall. Sign up at church. Questions? Contact Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900 or pafisk1947@gmail.com).

Calling All Handcrafters & Bakers!

We will be holding the Alternative Christmas Marketplace on Sunday, Dec. 6 (9–10:30 am and following worship service). We are looking for donations of handcrafted items, as well as jams, baked goods and other edible items. We especially would like to have Christmas Cookies and other Christmas treats. Questions? Contact Sharon Nolte (952-292-4889 or sharonnolte@yahoo.com).

OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY

Nov. 2 | Building & Ops (10:30–11:30 am)
Contact Rod Myers (612-670-3886)

Nov. 3 | General Election (7:00a–8:00 pm)

Nov. 3 | Burgers 'n Brew Men's Fellowship (noon)
Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)
Contact Ron Dubis (612-868-9194)

Nov. 3 | Covenant Circle Bible Study (3–4:00 pm)
Contact Connie Nesbitt (612-702-0684)

Nov. 4 | Spiritual Book Club (12–1:00 pm)
The Year of Living Biblically
by AJ Jacobs
Contact Pastor Mary

Nov. 4 | WoW! Dinner & Programs (5:45–7:00 pm)
Breakfast for Supper
($7 adults, $4 kids, $20 family)

Nov. 5 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)
Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)

Nov. 5 | Deacons (7–8:30 pm)
Contact Pastor Mary

All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.

NEEDED: Anyone willing to work at funerals helping with setup, serving food, and cleanup…please sign the clipboard on the table in the narthex!! Thank you! ♥

Tai Chi Classes: Tuesdays & Fridays (5:45–7:15 pm)

Basic tai chi classes, led by Colin Borsos, are offered at Oak Grove in the Community Room.

The classes will be an introduction to Yang-style tai chi known for its slow, graceful, continuous, and soft circular movements. Come when you can. No experience necessary and all ages welcome. Please use the choir entrance (door #7).

Pre-Election Day Worship Service

We will gather on Monday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary for a brief, casual, worship service ahead of the national election. We will spend time in song and prayer offering our hopes and concerns for the election. In addition, Oak Grove is a polling location, and we will pray over the various places and for the workers that will be in the building on election day.

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.