

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
September 19, 2021

\*Calling in Hymn *Blessed assurance* # 332

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* Arr. K. Smith

\*Opening Prayer

Loving, all-sufficient God, you walk with us through life's darkest valleys, sustaining us when we doubt our strength to carry on.

**May we learn that your presence with us is enough for this moment.**

Eternal Savior, your call to us is "Come, follow me" and "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**May your call to discipleship continue to transform our imaginations to see what is possible in the times in which we live.**

Comforting, convicting Spirit, you fill us with every good gift to both fulfill our purpose and to prick our conscience when we fall away.

**May we sense your leading as we sense the movement of the wind on our faces, believing you go ahead of us in the places we are to follow.**

Eternal God, forever Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teach us to trust in you. Amen.

Song *His Eye is on the Sparrow* Martin/Gabriel  
(Yvonne Gum, solo)

Moment for Mission

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture

Matthew 6:9-13 (NT, p. #6)

John 9:1-12 (NT, p. #102)

Message

***Covid-19 and our faith in Jesus:  
a question of theodicy***

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer, with singing the Lord's prayer

Prayer Hymn *Our Father who art in heaven* # 228

\*Hymn *Great is thy faithfulness* # 327

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

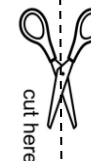
\*Please stand as you are able.

**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**

Today	3:00 p.m.	Virgina Peace Service @ Hollins Road CoB
Monday	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Crafters Backpack Ministry
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	ESL Classes Handbells
Thursday	9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	ESL Classes Games
Sunday	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Drive Through Shower for Trenton and Kristin

**PRAYER**

Wayne Cook, congestive heart failure  
Dawn Thomas, kidney issues  
Doris Light, in hospice care  
Vivian Prillaman, South Roanoke Nursing Home  
Lois Sowder, recovering from back surgery  
Dan Brogan, Richfield Rehab for fractured femur  
Jessye Westmoreland, recovering from hip replacement  
Diane Grant, recovering from hernia surgery  
Renee Tatum, seizure management  
Neal Musselman, Covid



## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Mark Harmon  
Worship leader (9/26) Sharon Hanger

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills keyboard  
Sam Phillips viola

### Financial Report through August 2021

Offerings	\$170,892
Expenses	\$171,466
Deficit	(\$ 574)

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Interested in supporting our mission and ministry financially? You may contribute via the Tithely app on your smartphone or the box on the table.



We have a limited number of spaces reserved for those with mobility challenges. If you are able, please park in the spaces farther away from the church.



Our Meditation Garden is available for prayer in the side yard of our church property.



Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question? Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



Peacefully. Simply. Together.

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