

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
October 31, 2021
All Saints Sunday

*Calling in Hymn *What a friend we have* (vs. 1) insert

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Untitled Hymn* Chris Rice
(Carol Elmore, Stephen Wills)

*Call to Worship

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you, as the day rises to meet the sun.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever: world without end. Amen.

We gather to worship our Almighty, Everlasting, and Ever-loving God, the Creator of Heaven and earth and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

For the gift of life, the beauty of creation, and the promise of salvation, we give thanks to God!

We thank you, O God, for the faithfulness of those who have served in ways great and small, on whose shoulders we currently stand.

We thank you for theologians who explore the depths of Scripture and define the boundaries of our faith, and for poets who write of your amazing love in ways that make our hearts dance.

We thank you for saints of the church who comfort children, Sunday School teachers who teach faith's first lessons, and cooks who add flavor to our fellowship.

We thank you for saints of the church whose gifts of hammer and nail, keyboard and guitar, accounting

and leadership build structures for ministry to flourish.

We thank you for the families of faith who are now part of that great company of saints around your throne.

We look to the day when the home of God is among mortals, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more!

*Hymn *Sing with all the saints in glory* insert

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture John 11:32-44 (NT, p. #105)
Revelation 21:1-6a (NT, p. #259)

Message *Living in the mean times*

Remembrance Service video/photos

Remembrance Video: Helen Ronk, Bunah Boothe, David Conner, Steve Nelson, Dick & Linda Simpson, Vivian Prillaman

Song *I was there to hear your borning cry* Ylvisaker

Morning Prayer, with the Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn *New earth, heavens new* # 299

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL Classes
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	ESL Classes
	2:00 p.m.	Games
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism & Membership
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship, Donna Hornsby Guest Preacher

Pastor Tim is on vacation November 1-7.

PRAYER

Wayne Cook, congestive heart failure
Dawn Thomas, kidney issues
Doris Light, in hospice care
Dan Brogan, home recovering from broken femur
John King, South Roanoke Nursing for rehab
Jessye Westmoreland, recovering from hip replacement
Morton Witt, melanoma
Hollie Craighead Johnson, breast cancer

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (10/24)

Sunday School-29
Received on 10/24-\$3,990.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
pastortim@oakgrovecob.org

Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Worship leader Martha Gregory
Worship leader (11/7) Dave Jones

Nursery workers Randall Eakin & Connie Bierly
Nursery workers (11/7) Pam Connor & Julie Chumbley

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills *keyboard*
Joe Blaha *recorder, hymn arranger*



Children will practice during our former "Children's Church" time, during the 11:00 a.m. services during November.

Please place your pledge cards in the basket next to the offering box.

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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.



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What a Friend We Have in Jesus 630

In everything present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

1. What a Friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our Ref - uge; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

TEXT: Joseph M. Scriven
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse

CONVERSE
 8.7.8.7.D.

SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY

HYMN TO JOY

1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
 2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
 4. Life e - ter - nal! O what won - ders Crowd on faith; what

1. rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
 2. yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing,
 3. once was dead; Join with all the heav'n - ly voic - es;
 4. joy un - known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,

1. To the form - er days be - long. All a - round the
 2. Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
 3. Child of God, lift up your head! Pa - tri - archs from
 4. Saints shall stand be - fore the throne! Oh, to en - ter

1. clouds are break - ing, Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's
 2. Christ pre - pares it, There on high our wel - come waits; Ev - 'ry
 3. dis - tant a - ges, Saints all long - ing for their heav'n, Proph - ets,
 4. that bright por - tal, See that glow - ing fir - ma - ment, Know, with

1. like - ness, peo - ple wak - ing, Know the ev - er - last - ing peace.
 2. hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed th'e - ter - nal gates.
 3. psalm - ists, seers, and sa - ges, All a - wait the glo - ry giv'n.
 4. you, O God im - mor - tal, Je - sus Christ whom you have sent!

Text: 87 87 D; 1 Corinthians 15:20; William J. Irons, 1812-1893; fr. *Psalms and Hymns*, 1873, alt.
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

You have blessed us
with saints all of our lives,
God of the ages:
those who put up with us,
and those who prepared us for discipleship;
those who have touched us with their compassion,
and those who illumine the way for us.

Through the valleys and over the hills,
down the dusty streets of every village,
saints traveled with you,
Jesus, Child of grace and glory:
those who impetuously chased after you,
and those whose feet longed to turn back;
those who jostled for your attention,
and those who made sure little children
were able to meet you.

You surround us with saints,
even when we don't recognize
or much less appreciate them,
Spirit of wonder:
some live down the corner from us,
while others are on the other side of the world;
some run to catch the leaves spiraling to the ground,
while others make a meal for a sick neighbor's family.

For all the saints of every age, especially our,
we give you our gratitude and praise,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.