Oak Grove Church of the Brethren January 9, 2022

*Calling in Hymn Holy Spirit, come with power

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold.

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. God spoke, "Let there be..." and creation sprang into being.

We rejoice in the magnificence of creation, and worship God, the Creator.

John the Baptist spoke of one who was to come—one whom would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Yet even Jesus knelt in the waters of baptism. We worship Jesus, our Savior.

In our times we have heard Holy Spirit's invitation to repent and felt the Spirit's work in our lives. We are the church, sent out to share the Gospel.

We have responded to the Spirit's call by being baptized, taking our place in God's kingdom. We worship the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer.

*Prayer of Invocation

Almighty, ever-living God, when Christ was baptized and the Holy Spirit descended upon him, You declared him your beloved Son. Grant that we, your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn We know that Christ is raised # 443

Moment for Mission

Song Breath of God, Breath of Peace Morris/Tice

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NT, p. #60)
Message The baptism of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

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.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral 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 O Jesus, I have promised # 447

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

| Today | 1:00 p.m. | Church Board Meeting |
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| Monday | 12:30 p.m. | Backpack Ministry |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. | ESL Classes Conversations Group |
| Wednesday | 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | New Deacon Training Ministry and Worship Commission (Zoom) |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. | ESL Classes Games |
| Sunday | 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Sunday School Worship |

PRAYER

Wayne Cook, congestive heart failure Doris Light, in hospice care Dan Brogan, home rehab for broken leg John King, home rehab for broken leg Morton Witt, melanoma Hollie Craighead Johnson, breast cancer Ralph & Phyllis Petcher, health concerns

From the Virlina District Prayer Calendar:

Pray for **Scott Douglas**, who is retiring as Director of Relationships and Growth for the Church of the Brethren Benefit Trust on January 27, 2022. Let us give thanks for those who've served with and for us throughout our nation and the world.

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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Worship leader (1/16)
Bill Whitlow

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Nursery workers (1/16) Tanya and Maggie Pizzullo

Instrumentalists

Stephen WillsorganJoe BlahapianoKathie RobinsonfluteSam Phillipsviola

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (1/2)

Sunday School- 40 Worship- 70 Received on 1/2 - \$6,210.00

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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.



Peacefully. Simply. Together.

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