

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

September 8, 2024

*Calling in Hymn *He Has Made Me Glad* (choir) Brethorst
Holy, Holy, Holy (vs. 1) # 120
He Has Made Me Glad (choir)

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Prelude *Assurance* Cox

*Call to Worship Matthew 5:1-12
 The organ side of the congregation responds in bold.
 The piano side of the congregation responds in italics.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



*Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Servant God, grant us opportunity and give us willingness to serve you day by day; that what we do and how we bear each other's burdens, may be our sacrifice to you. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

*Hymn *Blessed assurance* # 332

Children's Story Jodi Zabo

Offering

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Offertory *My Offering* Boldt

*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NT, p. 229)

Message *Stop Playing Favorites!*

Pastoral Prayer, with the Prayer of Confession

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 *Help us to help each other, Lord* # 362

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction (434) *Thuma mina* So. African
(Send me, Jesus)

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday 9:00 a.m. Crafts
 9:00 a.m. ESL
 12:30 p.m. Backpack

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Handbells

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. ESL
 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 2:00 p.m. Games

Thursday-Friday: Pastor Tim is attending the Forum for Brethren Studies at Bridgewater College.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. Bed Build at Cave Spring UMC
 1:00 p.m. Duncan Baby Shower

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship

PRAYER

Gay Bulach, shoulder surgery recovery
 Jonna Detweiler, cancer treatment
 Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
 Phyllis Meadows, Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge
 Marge Montgomery, rehab at home
 Elsie Wertz, South Roanoke Nursing Home
 Lowell Foutz, heart issues

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org
Minister of Nurture and Music	Carol Elmore elmores24153@gmail.com
Worship leader	Jill Mooney
Worship leader (9/15)	Holly Belcher
Nursery workers	Tanya & Vincent Pizzullo
Nursery workers (9/15)	Lisa Newell & Robin Craighead
Children's Story	Jodi Zabo
Children's Story (9/15)	Gloria Harmon
Head Usher	Bill Hall
Sound Booth	Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond
Acolyte	Lucy Pullen
<u>Instrumentalists</u>	
Stephen Wills	organ
Joe Blaha	piano

ATTENDANCE (9/1/24)

Sunday School- 26
Worship- 63 (in person); 17 (online) = 80
Men's Bible Study- 10
Women's Bible Study- 10
Offering- \$ 4,920.00; \$ 572.80 (online) = \$ 5,492.80

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



Pews and chairs marked with this logo are reserved for persons with mobility challenges and their companions.



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.



Childcare is available during the worship service for children birth to 2nd grade.



Hospitality is an important part of our life together—we want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you. If you've been here a while, we'd love to provide a permanent nametag.



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