

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren

September 15, 2024

Prelude *Prelude in D* Bradley

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Introit *Only a Holy God* Farren, Robinson
(Sharon Hanger, Carol Elmore, Scott Yingling, Mike Tyler)

*Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold.

Left to ourselves, we seize the first opportunity to chart our own course away from you, Creator God, not recognizing that your boundaries are made so we might find our fullest and best self within your plan.

**Jesus, you are the shatterer of sin's deathgrip. Hard at work to bring us home,
you reach into our despair, bringing hope;
you reach into our fear, bringing peace;
you reach into our lostness, bringing purpose.**

Save us, Lord Jesus!

*Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, we seek to do your will, to share your truth, to sing of your faithfulness, to proclaim the good news, as we follow Jesus into the wonder of your kingdom. Transform us, that we might love you with pure, willing, and generous hearts. Amen.

*Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* # 582

Children's Story Gloria Harmon

Moment for Mission 2024 Stewardship Emphasis

Song *The Table Song* insert
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Offertory *Meditation* Nobt
***Response** *Praise God from whom* # 119

Anthem *All Creatures of Our God and King* Perry

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-12, 24 (OT, p. 2)
Revelation 21:1-5 (NT, p. 259)

Message *The Feast of Forbidden Fruit*

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 *Gracious Spirit, dwell with me* # 50

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
	9:00 a.m.	ESL
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	11:00 a.m.	Munch Bunch at Sakura
	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
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School-Annual Conference Report
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:30 p.m.	Virlina District Peace Affairs Event at First CoB

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
Lowell Foutz, heart issues

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Worship leader Holly Belcher
Worship leader (9/22) Todd Marcum

Nursery workers Lisa Newell & Robin Craighead
Nursery workers (9/22) Julie Chumbley & Pam Conner

Children's Story Gloria Harmon
Children's Story (9/22) Amanda Leddy

Head Usher Bill Hall
Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

Acolyte Lucy Pullen

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano
Robert Smith, Todd Marcum, Millard Flora guitar

ATTENDANCE (9/8/24)

Sunday School- 38
Worship- 97 (in person); 14 (online) = 111
Men's Bible Study- 8
Women's Bible Study- 16
Offering- \$ 4,140.00; \$ 835.99 (online) = \$ 4,975.99

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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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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
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