

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
February 26, 2023 • First Sunday of Lent

*Calling in Hymn *I need Thee every hour* (vs. 1, 2, 5) # 555

Welcome, and Announcements

*Please sign the guest book at the end of the pew,
then pass it on to the person next to you.*

Prelude *A Simple Prayer* Linda Lamb
(Oak Grove Ringers, hand chimes)

*Call to Worship Psalm 32, *The Message* (adapted)
Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be—you get a
fresh start, your slate’s wiped clean.

**When I kept it all inside, my bones turned to powder,
my words became daylong groans. The pressure
never let up; all the juices of my life dried up. Then I
let it all out; I said, “I’ll come clean and confess my
failures to God.” Suddenly the pressure was gone—
my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.**

These things add up. Every one of us needs to pray;
when all hell breaks loose and the dam bursts we’ll be on
high ground, untouched.

**God is my island hideaway, keeps danger far from
the shore, throws garlands of hosannas around my
neck.**

Let me give you some good advice; I’m looking you in the
eye and giving it to you straight: “Don’t be ornery like a
horse or mule that needs bit and bridle to stay on track.”
God-defiers are always in trouble; God-affirmers find
themselves loved every time they turn around.

**Celebrate God. Sing together-everyone! All you
honest hearts, raise the roof!**

*Prayer of Invocation

Book of Common Prayer – Collect for the First Sunday of Lent
**Almighty God, whose Son was led by the Spirit to be
tempted, come quickly to help us who are assaulted by
many temptations; may each of us find you mighty to
save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

*Hymn *You make beautiful things* (refrain 2x)

Refrain D A/D G/D D

You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti-ful things out of the dust.

D A/D G/D D

You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti-ful things out of us.

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Children’s Story Lynette Harvey

Offering

*To make an online contribution,
scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*

Offertory *Pavane* Faure
*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

Song *Campana Sonos ("Bell Sounds")*
(Oak Grove Ringers) K. Wissinger (ASCAP)

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 (NT, p. 3)
Message *Tempt*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Confession, with the Pastoral 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.**

*Hymn *I am weak but thou art strong* # 1082

*Benediction

*Postlude
*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	5:30 p.m.	Strategic Task Team Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism & Membership
	5:30 p.m.	Mission & Service Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Director of Bell Ringers Diane Grant

Worship leader Evan Jacobs
Worship leader (3/5) Charlie Purcell

Nursery workers Tanya & Maggie Pizzullo
Nursery workers (3/5) Lisa Newell & Alli Yingling

Instrumentalists
Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
Alice Foutz, Brookdale Memory Care
Waylon McDaniel, VCU Pediatric ICU

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (2/19)

Sunday School- 46
Worship- 86 (in person); 17 (online) = 103
Received 2/19- \$ 2,841.00; \$ 786.00 (online) = \$ 3,627.00

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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.



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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