

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
September 10, 2023

\*Calling In Hymn    *Blessed assurance*                      # 332

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude    *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*    arr. Shackley

\*Call to Worship                      based on Micah 6:8 and Psalm 149  
*The congregation responds in bold.*

We will sing aloud of God’s steadfast love on this morning,  
and on every morning!

**What does the LORD require of you but to do justice,  
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your  
God?**

May the peace of Christ be with you, in you, through you,  
as we sing to the Lord a new song, praise our Maker in the  
assembly of the faithful, and live lives that bear witness to  
the grace of God.

Anthem    *When in Our Music God is Glorified*    Stanford  
(Congregation, stand and join on last verse. # 44)

Children’s Time                                      Mark & Gloria Harmon

Receiving new members    Bill Hall, Julie Hall, Carol Leddy  
Harvey, Amanda and Rachel Leddy

Welcome from the congregation  
We welcome you with joy and affection into this  
household of faith. We pledge to you our help, our  
prayers, our concern, that we may all increase in the  
knowledge and love of God. We trust God for strength  
to follow with you in Christ’s way, keeping together  
the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

\*Hymn                      *Sweet are the promises*                      insert

Offering                      *To make an online contribution,  
scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*  
Offertory                      *A Thankful Heart*                      Groden  
\*Response    # 119

Hearing from God’s Word  
Scripture                                      Job 3:1-12 (OT, p. 454)  
Testimony                                      Dawn Thomas  
Message                                      *Faith forged from fire*

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                      *My life goes on*                      # 580

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                                      \*Please stand as you are able.

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a cookie social to  
welcome our new members.*

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:30 p.m.	Church Board Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	6:00 p.m.	Men’s Bible Study
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Peace Affairs Service at Smith Mountain Lake Community CoB

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer  
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia  
Betty Phillips, Myelofibrosis  
Misty King, cardiac rehab, in need of a kidney transplant  
Sylvia Shepherd, recovering from surgery  
Jodi Zabo, recovering from surgery  
Vicki Turner, broken arm

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Scott Yingling  
Worship leader (9/17) Jane Grisso

Nursery workers Trenton & Kristin Marcum  
Nursery workers (9/17) Lisa Newell & Amanda Leddy

Head Usher Bill Hall

Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills	organ
Joe Blaha	piano
Sam Philips	viola
Ronald Robinson	bass

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (9/03)

Sunday School- 22  
Worship- 52 (in person); 19 (online) = 71  
Men's Bible Study- 8  
Offering- \$ 3,108.00; \$ 295.00 (online) = \$ 3,403.00

## CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE



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Oak Grove Church of the Brethren



Interested in supporting our mission and ministry financially? Scan this QR code to contribute to via Tithely.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

## Sweet Are the Promises

William A. Ogden, 1841-1897

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1. Sweet are the prom - is - es, Kind is the word, Dear - er far than  
 2. Sweet is the ten - der love Je - sus hath shown, Sweet - er far than  
 3. List to His lov - ing words, "Come un - to me!" Wea - ry, heav - y -

an - y mes - sage man ev - er heard. Pure was the mind of Christ,  
 an - y love that mor - tals have known. Kind to the err - ing one,  
 la - den, there is sweet rest for thee; Trust in His prom - is - es,

Sin - less was He; He the great ex - am - ple is, and pat - tern for me.  
 Faith - ful is He; He the great ex - am - ple is, and pat - tern for me.  
 Faith - ful and sure; Lean up - on the Sav - ior and thy soul is se - cure.

*mf*  
 Where He leads I'll fol - low,  
 (Where He leads I'll fol - low,) (where He leads I'll fol - low,)

1. Fol - low all the way;  
 (Fol - low all the way, yes, fol - low all the way;)  
 2. Fol - low Je - sus ev - ery day.