

**\* Calling In Hymn**    *Come, gracious Spirit*                      # 303  
                                (Choir – vs. 1, 2; Cong. – vs. 3, 4)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**                                 *Voluntary*                                 Marse

**\* Call to Worship**  
*The congregation responds in bold.*

Arise! Shine!  
**God's light has come to reveal the way in this New Year.**

Arise! Shine!  
**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Arise! Shine!  
**God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.**

Arise! Shine!  
**Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.**

Arise! Shine!  
**For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

**\* Prayer of Invocation**  
Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing,  
hope and salvation.  
**Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.**

Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel  
in awe.  
**Glory of God, fill us with your Holy Spirit.**

Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.  
**Amen!**

**\* Hymn**                                 *As with gladness men of old*                                 # 218

Randall Eakin

## Offering

*To make an online contribution,  
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<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Offertory</i>	Pore
<b>*Response</b>	<i>Glory be to the Father</i>	# 127
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>As I went down to the river</i>	# 1125

## Hearing from God's Word

**Scripture** Mark 1:4-11 (NT, p. 34)  
**Message** *First Things: Baptism*

## 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                      *Move in our midst*                      # 418

**\*Benediction**

**Choral Benediction (423)** *May the grace of Christ*

**\*Postlude** *Postlude on Dix* Kocher  
\*Please stand as you are able.

## THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
	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
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Christian Growth Institute Old Testament Class
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Executive Committee

*Youth Retreat January 14-15, 2024.*

*Ecumenical MLK Day Worship Service at Refreshing Church (3031 Frontier Rd.) Jan. 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Kenneth Wright preaching.*

## PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer  
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia  
Betty Phillips, rehab at Friendship Manor South  
Emma Jean Woodard, recovering from surgery  
Dennis Shearer, prayers for treatment  
Dennis Ferguson, recovering from surgery  
Becky Fowler, recovering from surgery

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Kris Tilley-Lubbs  
Nursery workers (1/14) Tanya & Vincent Pizzullo

Head Usher Bill Hall

Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills organ  
Joe Blaha piano

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (12/31)

Sunday School- 27  
Worship- 58 (in person); 18 (online) = 76  
Men's Bible Study- 8  
Women's Bible Study- 18  
Offering- \$ 2,699.00

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for After Church Fellowship volunteers! Please pick a Sunday you would like to help set-up and organize this special event.

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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 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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