

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
February 25, 2024 • Second Sunday of Lent

\*Calling In Hymn Sweet hour of prayer # 11

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Prelude for Lent Franke

\*Call to Worship  
The congregation responds in bold.

In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross.  
**We remember the times when we could not imagine a way forward: our circumstances left us on the outside looking in. We were lost, helpless, and dismayed. In these times, Jesus rescued us.**  
In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we seek to better understand the fierce, relentless love that God has for us.  
**Even when we brought the worst of our problems on ourselves, Jesus rescued us.**  
We seek to embrace with both arms a trust in God and God’s place for us in his kingdom.  
**So we make our Lenten journey to the cross.**

\*Hymn I need thee every hour (vs. 1, 2) # 555

\*Prayer of Invocation  
Almighty and merciful God, this fractured world cries out in pain. We see brokenness and despair, and are moved to reach out and be a source of help and healing.  
**Even here we see your work in our lives; for when we were broken and lost in despair, you rescued us from the domain of darkness and made us citizens of the kingdom of your beloved Son. Strengthen us to rejoice in you. Amen.**

Children’s Time Amanda Leddy

Offering  
To make an online contribution,  
scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.  
Offertory Meditation Perdue  
\*Response Praise God from whom # 119

Music Meditation Power of the Cross arr. C. Tornquist  
(Julie Hall, piano)

Hearing from God’s Word  
Scripture Ruth 3:6-13 (OT, p. 243)  
Colossians 1:13-14 (NT, p. 200)  
Message How we get to have nice things

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer, with the Prayer of Confession  
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 God of grace and God of glory # 366

\*Benediction  
\*Sending Song Jesus, remember me # 247

\*Postlude Sweet Hour Bradbury  
\*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
	7:00 p.m.	Facebook Live Test
Saturday	3:00 p.m.	Peace & Justice Movie Event-13th
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer  
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia  
Dennis Shearer, prayers for treatment  
Jane Grisso, recovering from virus  
Wilma Twigg, recovering from leg injury  
Lois Sowder, assisted living

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Janet Hartman  
Worship leader (3/3) Mary Jo Burris

Nursery workers Lisa Newell & Amanda Leddy  
Nursery workers (3/3) Gloria Harmon & Amanda Leddy

Children's Story (3/3) Dan Lubbs

Head Usher Bill Hall

Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

Acolyte Lucy Pullen

Instrumentalists  
Stephen Wills organ  
Julie Hall piano

\*\*Thanks for Joe Blaha for directing while Carol is away  
with the youth at Roundtable.

## 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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# OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (2/18)

Sunday School- 49  
Worship- 94 (in person); 11 (online) = 105  
Men's Bible Study- 9  
Women's Bible Study- 8  
Offering- \$ 1,945.00; \$ 415.00 (online) = \$ 2,360.00