

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 • CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Prelude *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* arr. Joel Raney
(Oak Grove Ringers, Choir, Wendy Bryant – piano, Stephen Wills – organ)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

© 2025, Lectionary Liturgies (adapted)
The congregation responds in bold

Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

**We are the inheritors of the promises
made long ago to our ancestors.**

Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

**From across the street, from halfway around the world,
God brings us home to the heart of grace.**

Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

**Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers,
we are those redeemed by God.**

*Prayer of Invocation

Most Gracious God, in Jesus of Nazareth you showed us an alternative to the kings, queens, and rulers of history. Help us, in our time and place, to both value and practice Jesus-style leadership: to love and to seek justice for all people. Help us recognize the true magnificence and life-changing power found in loving you and all our neighbors.

In Christ Jesus with you and the Holy Spirit, may we co-create a world ruled not through domination, but in radical and all-powerful compassion and love. Amen.

***Hymn** *We gather together* # 17

Children's Time *Thank you* Okee Dokee Brothers

Call to Giving

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

Offertory *A Thankful Heart* Fenton Groden

***Response** *Now thank we all our God* (vs. 1, 3) #86

Song *Exultation*
(Oak Grove Ringers)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Colossians 1:1-20 (NT, p. 199)

Message *Stained Glass Sermons, # 9*
Easter lilies and crown

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** *Crown Him with many crowns* (vs. 1, 4, 5) # 116

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Variations on today's hymns*
*Please stand as you are able

PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing and Rehab)
Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
Dan Brogan (Berkshire Health and Rehab)
Gladis Lehman (Friendship Manor)
Marge Montgomery (Pheasant Ridge)
Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Tanya Pizzullo, cancer treatment
Ralph Petcher, recovering at home
Jake Keating, rehab at VA Hospital
Lowell Foutz, recovering from car accident
Bill Fowler, recovering at home

Bill Ingram



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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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NOVEMBER 23, 2025

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday 10:00 a.m. Chrismon Tree and Advent/
Christmas Decorating

Tuesday 5:00 p.m. Choir

Church Office Closed Nov. 27-28.

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor
Tim Harvey
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Oak Grove Ringers Director
Sarah Ann Bowman

Children's Choir Director
Colleen Smith

Instrumentalists
Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader
Scott Yingling
Youth (November 30)

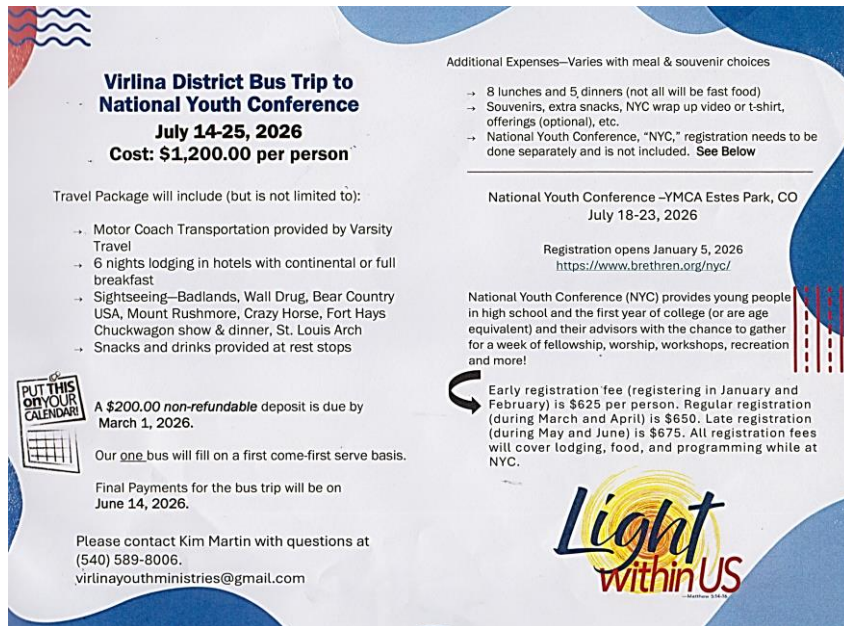
Infant Nursery
Tina Angle and Randall Eakin
Joan Simpson and Holly Belcher (November 30)

Childcare
Trenton and Kristin Marcum and Cooper Purcell
Tina Angle, Randall Eakin and Cooper Purcell (November 30)

Head Usher
Bill Hall

Sound Booth
Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month
Mark and Gloria Harmon



Virlina District Bus Trip to National Youth Conference
July 14-25, 2026
Cost: \$1,200.00 per person

Travel Package will include (but is not limited to):

- Motor Coach Transportation provided by Varsity Travel
- 6 nights lodging in hotels with continental or full breakfast
- Sightseeing—Badlands, Wall Drug, Bear Country USA, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Fort Hays Chuckwagon show & dinner, St. Louis Arch
- Snacks and drinks provided at rest stops

A \$200.00 non-refundable deposit is due by March 1, 2026.

Our one bus will fill on a first come-first serve basis.

Final Payments for the bus trip will be on June 14, 2026.

Please contact Kim Martin with questions at (540) 589-8006.
virlinayouthministries@gmail.com

Additional Expenses—Varies with meal & souvenir choices

- 8 lunches and 5 dinners (not all will be fast food)
- Souvenirs, extra snacks, NYC wrap up video or t-shirt, offerings (optional), etc.
- National Youth Conference, "NYC," registration needs to be done separately and is not included. **See Below**

National Youth Conference—YMCA Estes Park, CO
July 18-23, 2026

Registration opens January 5, 2026
<https://www.brethren.org/nyc/>

National Youth Conference (NYC) provides young people in high school and the first year of college (or are age equivalent) and their advisors with the chance to gather for a week of fellowship, worship, workshops, recreation and more!

Early registration fee (registering in January and February) is \$625 per person. Regular registration (during March and April) is \$650. Late registration (during May and June) is \$675. All registration fees will cover lodging, food, and programming while at NYC.

Light within US

Advent Devotionals are available! Make sure to pick one up!

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (11/16)

Sunday School- 37
Worship- 95 (in person); 16 (online) = 111
Men's Bible Study- 8
Women's Faith Study- 9
Offering- \$ 1,828.00; \$ 745.00 (online) = \$ 2,573.00