

# OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

JANUARY 18, 2026

\*Calling in Hymns      *Halleluia! We sing Your praises!*      # 1059  
                            *Come, we that love the Lord*      # 14

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude      *Majestic Prelude*      Mark Williams

## \*Call to Worship

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*The congregation responds in bold*

Jesus, Light of the World, you call us from our security and from our sameness, down an unknown path which leads to God's heart:  
**with trust, we place our hands in yours, and follow.**

Banisher of the Shadow of Death, you beckon us out of the shadows of our fears, calling us to follow you and learn to invite others on this journey of faith and new life.

**with humility, we listen to those answers we do not expect or even understand.**

Word which creates out of nothingness, you heal our sickness and ease our wounded bodies and spirits. Fill us with life in places that are empty. Keep your promises when all ours lie littered on the ground:

**With courage, we let your grace transform us into faithful disciples.**

## \*Prayer of Invocation

**Be to us at all times, O Lord, our joy, our bliss and our comfort. Be light in our darkness, strength in our temptations, and refreshment in the desert. Repentant, may we know your peace. Faithful, may we behold you in glory. Amen.**

\*Hymn      *Blessed Assurance*      # 332

Children's Story      Alli Yingling

## Call to Giving

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

Offertory      *My Savior's Love to Me*      Penny Rodriguez  
\*Response      *Halleluia! We sing Your praises!*      # 1059

Anthem      *Christ, Be Our Light*      Bernadette Farrell

## Hearing from God's Word

Scripture      Matthew 4:12-25 (NT, p. 3)  
Message      *Life on contested ground*  
A moment of quiet reflection

## 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      *I have decided to follow Jesus*      # 1061

\*Benediction      \*Choral Benediction      *City of God (refrain)*      Dan Schutte

\*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)  
Marge Montgomery (Pheasant Ridge)  
Betty Wills (Brandon Oaks Rehab)  
Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment  
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer  
Jake Keating, recovering from surgery  
Gladis Lehmann, recovering from a stroke

## CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE



Find us on Facebook:  
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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.



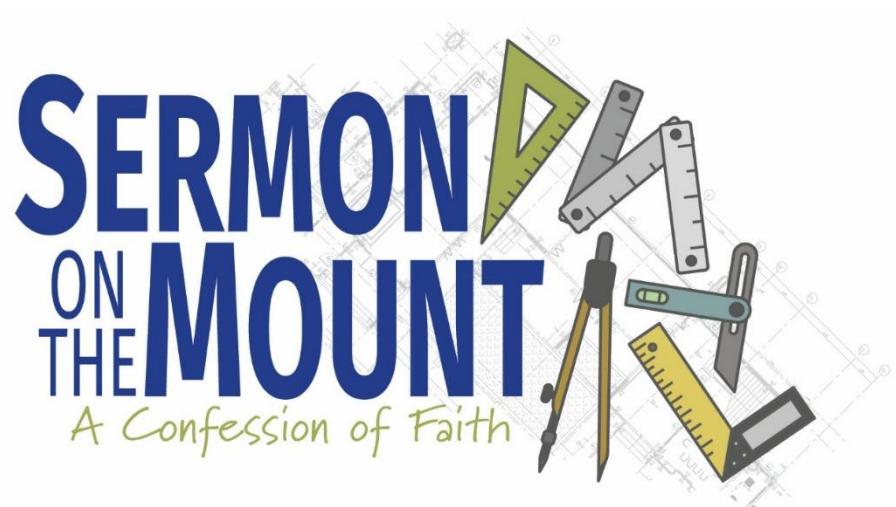
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question?  
Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



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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## THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Kitchen Tour
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
	6:00 p.m.	Renovation Work Night
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

There are directory copies in the Fellowship Hall as well as some classrooms for you to make your changes!



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (1/11)

Sunday School- 48

Worship- 95 (in person); 15 (online) = 110

Men's Bible Study- 9

Women's Faith Study Group- 10

Offering- \$ 2,635.00; \$ 545.00 (online) = \$ 3,180.00

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

**Pastor** Tim Harvey  
pastortim@oakgrovecob.org

**Minister of Nurture and Music** Carol Elmore  
elmores24153@gmail.com

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ  
Joe Blaha, piano

### Worship leader

Scott Yingling  
Becky Widdowson (January 25)

### Infant Nursery

Amanda and Rachel Leddy  
Robin Craighead and Amanda Leddy (January 25)

### Childcare

Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson, Kris Tilley-Lubbs and Cooper Purcell  
Trenton and Kristin Marcum and Cooper Purcell (January 25)

### Head Usher

Bill Hall

### Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

### Deacon of the Month

Mike and Sharon Hanger