

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

JANUARY 25, 2026

*Calling in Hymn *What a friend we have in Jesus* # 574

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Prelude* James Hook

*Call to Worship Matthew 5:1-12

Those on the piano side respond in bold

Those on the organ side respond in italics.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*Prayer of Invocation

We come to you, Jesus, for there is no where else we can go to find the life that is truly life. When we remain tempted by substitutes or shortcuts to your good grace, remind us that you do not measure faithful living with the tools of this world, but instead speak of love, mercy, and justice for those who respond to your call. May we hear you with perfect clarity above the noise of our times. Amen.

*Hymn *Blest are they* # 1085

Children's Story

Randall Eakin

Call to Giving

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

Offertory *Passacaglia* John Carter

*Response *Halleluia! We sing Your praises* # 1059

Song *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. R.L. Knowles
(Robert Smith, Millard Flora, J.T. Spartaro, Ronald Robinson)

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Matthew 5:3a (NT, p. 4)

Message **What does it mean to be blessed?**

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 *A charge to keep I have* # 393

*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 Lehman, recovering from a stroke

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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.



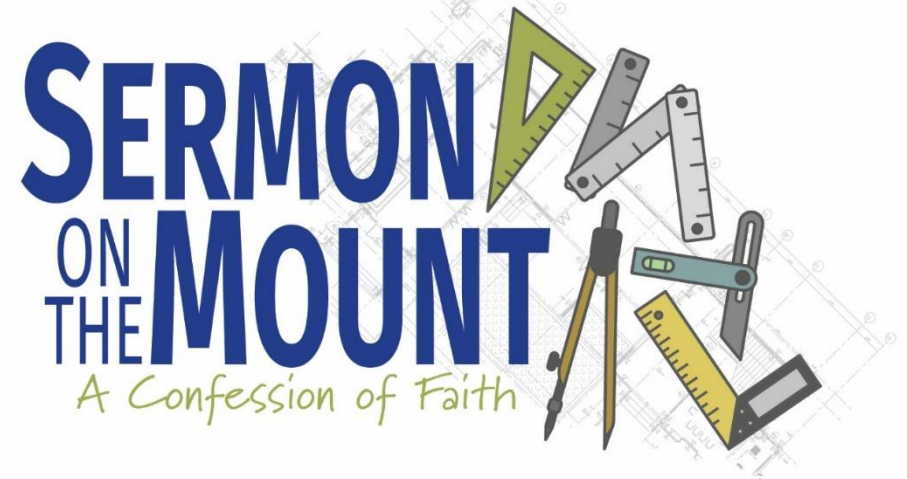
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question?
Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



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.

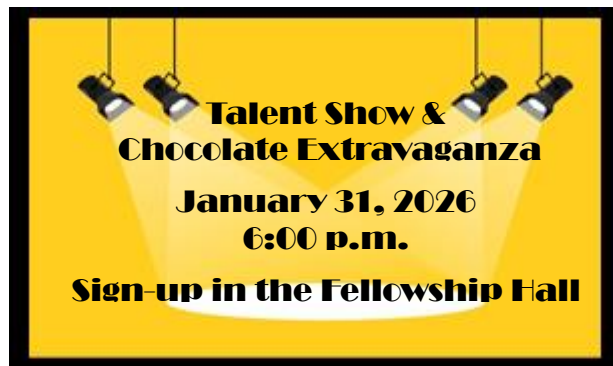


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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM
	6:00 p.m.	Talent Show and Chocolate Extravaganza
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

*Pastor Tim is out of the office Tuesday-Thursday for a
progressional growth conference.*



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (1/18)

Sunday School- 52

Worship- 103 (in person); 18 (online) = 121

Offering- \$ 4,302.01; \$ 320.00 (online) = \$ 4,622.01

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor

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Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader

Becky Widdowson
Dave Jones (February 1)

Infant Nursery

Robin Craighead and Amanda Leddy

Childcare

Trenton & Kristin Marcum and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Mike and Sharon Hanger