

**OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
**MARCH 1, 2026**

\*Calling in Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* # 37

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

\*Call to Worship

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The congregation responds in bold.*

As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,  
as we are embraced in their kindness,  
**we choose to be people of life and blessing.**

As we serve others in God's name,  
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,  
**we choose to walk in God's way.**

As we forgive those who have hurt us,  
as we reach out to those we have harmed,  
**we choose to be reconciled to our sisters and brothers.**

\*Prayer of Invocation

**Jesus, you do not look at us through the lenses of judgment but see us as your sisters and brothers who have wandered away. Seeing the messes we make for ourselves, you choose mercy, reaching out and taking our hands so we might walk together.**

**God in Community, Holy in One, may we choose this day and each day to be your people. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Lord, make us servants of your peace* # 1118

**Children's Story** Dan Lubbs

**Moment for Mission** Backpack Ministry

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**Offertory**

\*Response *Praise God from whom* # 119

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

**Hearing from God's Word**

**Scripture**

Matthew 5:7 (NT, p. 4)

**Message**

*Blessed are the merciful*

Rev. Paul Munday

**A moment of quiet reflection**

**Pastoral Prayer, with the Prayer of St. Francis**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness; joy;**

**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Breathe on me, breath of God* # 356

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Variations on today's hymns*

\*Please stand as you are able

*Thanks to Kris Tilley-Lubbs for directing the hymns today,  
while Carol is away with our youth.*

**PRAYER**

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing and Rehab)

Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)

Dan Brogan (Berkshire Health and Rehab)

Marge Montgomery (Pheasant Ridge)

John Phillips (Friendship North Rehab)

Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer

Jake Keating, recovering from surgery at home

Betty Wills, recovering from surgery

Rebecca Duncan, ongoing legal matters

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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.

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

*A Confession of Faith*



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***BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL***

## THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:30 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Backpack
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Northern Area Ministers Meeting at Oak Grove
	9:00 a.m.	Crafts
Tuesday	5:45 p.m.	Peace & Justice
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Faith Study
	2:00 p.m.	Games
		Evening Commissions
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Bed Build
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Leadership Team

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (2/22)

Sunday School- 57

Worship- 108 (in person); 15 (online) = 123

Men's Bible Study- 11

Women's Faith Study Group- 11

Offering- \$ 27,375.35; \$ 316.80 (online) = \$ 27,692.15

### 2026 Giving Report (through Sunday February 22)

Amount needed to meet the budget: \$56,008

Offerings received: \$61,775.22

Surplus: \$5,767.22

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

### Pastor

Tim Harvey

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### Minister of Nurture and Music

Carol Elmore

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### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ

Joe Blaha, piano

### Worship leader

Vincent Pizzullo

Ellen Phillips (March 8)

### Infant Nursery

Lynette Harvey and Rhonda Marcum

### Childcare

Anna Hosey and Cooper Purcell

### Head Usher

Bill Hall

### Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

### Deacon of the Month

Jane Grisso and Randall Eakin