



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 25, 2022

Music Sunday



The Oak Grove Youth Ministry will start Confirmation soon, and we want to make sure that your student gets signed up if interested!

Confirmation is the process by which students come to know more about their faith and the United Methodist Church. Most importantly, we hope that throughout the confirmation process students will come to discover God's tangible love for each and every person. We pray that, through Confirmation, students will see that God is already at work in their lives and grow closer to God in their faith lives.

Friends in Faith are a part of Confirmation as well. They serve as a mentor for your student throughout the process. You can choose any church member to be your student's friend in faith. We ask that it not be a parent of a student who is in the class. Friends in Faith are asked to pray for their confirmand daily, to check-in with them weekly, and to attend as many Confirmation sessions with their student as possible (minimally one per month).

Parents, Friends in Faith, and students are all strongly encouraged to be at the first session on October 16.

Class Dates for Confirmation

All meetings are during the **Sunday School Hour** – (9:30-10:30 a.m.) in **Youth Hall** unless noted:

- OCT 16
ORIENTATION
- OCT 23
COVENANT/STORIES
- OCT 30
JESUS
- NOV 4-6
CONFIRMATION RETREAT
- NOV 13
TRINITY/HOLY SPIRIT
- DEC 4
SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH
- DEC 11
BELONGING TO JESUS
- JAN 22
JESUS TO WESLEY
- JAN 29
JOHN WESLEY
- FEB 5
QUADRILATERAL

- FEB 12
**VIA SALUTIS W. 1
– PREVENIENT GRACE**
- FEB 26
**VIA SALUTIS W. 2
– JUSTIFYING & SANCTIFYING GRACE**
- MAR 5
**GLOBAL CHURCH &
CONNECTIONALISM**
- MAR 12
WORSHIP
- MAR 19
SACRAMENTS
- APR 16
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- APR 23
INTERVIEWS
- APR 30
**WORSHIP SERVICES
– CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**
FELLOWSHIP HALL / SANCTUARY

*Register for
Confirmation here:*



Registration deadline,
Saturday, October 1.

We have 10 amazing teachers for Confirmation!

- Dr. Sylvia Babu
- Ms. Megan Biegel
- Mr. John Cowden
- Bishop Larry Goodpaster
- Rev. Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts
- Rev. Dr. Curt Lindquist
- Mr. C.J. Lord
- Rev. Dr. Joseph McBrayer
- Ms. Angela McDaniel
- Rev. Dr. Amy Morgan

Sunday School Leaders are Needed During the Confirmation Season

Curriculum is provided. Please volunteer to teach. Sign up with QR code.





Connect with Oak Grove

Thank you for participating in worship today. We're glad you're here.

Open your camera app and scan the QR code to visit ogumc.org/connect to

- register your attendance
- ask to speak to a pastor
- sign up for congregational emails
- request to join the church
- or give online.

8:30 AND 11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Gathering Music Give to Our God Immortal Praise A Giamanco

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Amy Morgan

Introit My Morning Song arr. A Lovelace
(11:00) Music Makers

O Lord of life, thy quickening voice awakes my morning song. In gladsome words I would rejoice that I to thee belong. I see thy light. I feel thy wind. Earth is thy uttered word. Whatever wakes my heart and mind thy presence is, my Lord. Therefore I choose my highest part and turn my face to thee; therefore I stir my inmost heart to worship fervently.

*Call to Worship Avery Ginn

What does the Lord require of us, **but to do justice,**
To love mercy, **and to walk humbly with our God.**

*Hymn **All Creatures of Our God and King** UMH 62
Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 7

*(At the 11:00 a.m. service, children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade are invited to leave for Children's Church during the last stanza of this Hymn. Children will return to the service on the final hymn. **If you are new to Oak Grove, please come with your child to the gathering area at the front and someone will assist you in getting your child checked in.**)*

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed Gwyn Harrison

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem (11:00) Blessed Be the Name of the Lord D Grotenhuis
Chancel Choir

Praise ye the Lord. Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Dr. Morgan

Anthem O Sifuni Mungu arr. R Emerson
Youth Choir; Lauren Edmunds, soprano solo

Translation: All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and sing with us. All men, all creatures, everybody praise God.

Psalter Lesson Psalm 146 James Trotti
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn **When in Our Music God Is Glorified** UMH 68

Offertory Prayer		Dr. Morgan
	Our God we choose to follow you, and to trust you with the outcome of our lives. Help us to trust you enough that we can offer you our gifts with gratitude and without fear. Amen.	
Offertory Anthem	Precious Lord, Take My Hand Wesley Ringers	arr. D Wagner
*Doxology		UMH 95
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)		Dr. Morgan
	Henry Ko and Elliott Ko Smithson, <i>children of Jean Ko and Matt Smithson</i> Congregational Pledge With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Henry and Elliott, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. God Claims You TFWS 2249 Henry, Henry, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Henry, Henry, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. God Claims You TFWS 2249 Elliott, Elliott, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Elliott, Elliott, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you, too.	
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 16:19-31	Mr. John Cowden
	The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Our Deepest Values: Reverse Order	Mr. Cowden
*Hymn	How Can We Name a Love <i>(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)</i>	UMH 111
*Benediction		Mr. Cowden
*Postlude	Trumpets in Praise	R Hughes

MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

It's Music Sunday! So today you'll see many (not all!) of our choirs in worship. Each ensemble represents a microcosm of our church (of the capital C Church!): each is a community made of people who care about each other, who have joined together for a common cause. Listen for the ways the music and hymns today call us to praise God, but listen also for the ways they call us to leave something of ourselves behind as we seek to become one people with one voice and one purpose. Unrelated to today's music, I'll be buying lunch for the first 3 people who call, text, or email me and mention this sentence after 12:00 p.m. on 9/25

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God in memory of Joyce Shirley's (Nana) 95th birthday by Stephanie Willingham Moffitt, David Russell Willingham, and Susan Shirley Willingham.

*Congregation stand as able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing

Children's Worship bags available at Parlor side door.

Nursery care available for children ages 3 and under in all worship services.

Worship Times and Locations

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.: Traditional (Sanctuary)
10:45: Modern (Fellowship Hall)

ONLINE: 10:45 a.m. – Modern Worship
ONLINE: 11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship.
Facebook: [facebook.com/ogumc.org](https://www.facebook.com/ogumc.org)
YouTube: [youtube.com/ogumc](https://www.youtube.com/ogumc)

Our Pastors

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts – *Senior Pastor* ext. 211
Dr. Amy Morgan – *Pastor of Service and Nurture* ext. 210
Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Invitation and Discipleship* ext. 212
Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

Our Program Staff

Dale Smith – *Executive Director* ext. 225
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Megan Biegel – *Co-Director of Youth Ministries* ext. 201
John Cowden – *Director of Traditional Music Ministry* ext. 226
Kara Johnson – *Director of Senior Adult Ministries* ext. 236
Leanne Herrmann – *Organist*

Our Church Information

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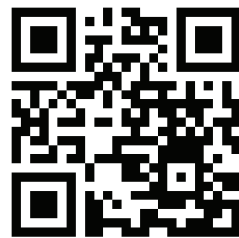
Our Schools

Oak Grove Christian School 404-636-5476
YCS (Young Children's School) 404-636-7951

Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that **Thursday 12 p.m. is the deadline** for information that you would like to add to the *Oak Grove News*. This will enable your article to appear in the following week's bulletin.

Send items to oakgrovenews@ogumc.org. Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted. Thank you!



Connect With Us

Check the Oak Grove website for up-to-the-minute news on all events: www.ogumc.org/news

Make Sure You Stay in Constant Contact

Information on our ministries, news, and upcoming events is shared through our ConstantContact weekly congregational email. If your email address changes during the year, please contact Diane O'Steen, Membership/Database Admin., (dosteen@ogumc.org or 404-636-7558 ext.221)



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