



# OAK GROVE

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 11, 2024

Scout Sunday

## Scouting at Oak Grove United Methodist Church

For generations, Oak Grove has had an active, thriving Scouting Ministry. Starting with Troop 77 in 1950 and Cub Scout Pack 577 in 1961, Scouting has been an integral part of the Oak Grove Community for nearly 75 years!

Since those early days, Scouting at Oak Grove has grown and evolved. Today, our BSA Scouting ministry has nearly 200 youth members and more than 100 dedicated adult volunteer leaders across four very active units.

Scouts at Oak Grove enjoy incredible opportunities for adventure, service, and leadership all throughout the year. In January alone, Pack 577 hosted the annual (and timeless) Pinewood Derby, Troop 177 and Crew 77 camped at Cumberland Island, and Troop 77 Scouts explored caves in Alabama!

Interested in getting involved? All of our units are ALWAYS open for new Youth members, and we are always looking for adult leaders and volunteers! (Don't worry – most of us didn't know anything about Scouting when we started, either!)



### Oak Grove United Methodist Church BSA Scouting Units:

#### Cub Pack 577 (coed, ages 6-11)

- Brooke Gifford, *Cubmaster*
- Jon Mickle, *Committee Chair*

#### BSA Girl Troop 177 (ages 11-17)

- Marcus Taylor, *Scoutmaster*
- Jimmy Gilmore, *Committee Chair*

#### BSA Boy Troop 77 (ages 11-17)

- Sara Henderson, *Scoutmaster*
- Andrew Kraft, *Committee Chair*

#### Venturing Crew 77 (ages 14-20)

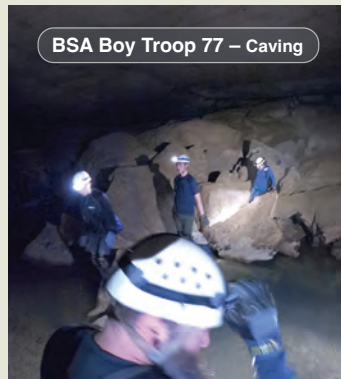
- Mitch Leff, *Crew Advisor*
- Dave Barker, *Committee Chair*

*Yours in Scouting – Yours in Christ,*

**Adam DeLange**

*Charter Organizational Representative*

To learn more about our Scouting programs, visit [ogumc.org/ministries/scouting/](http://ogumc.org/ministries/scouting/).





## 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](http://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

February 11, 2024

Scout Sunday

Gathering Music

The Deserted Garden  
Orchestra

F Price

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Amy Morgan

Introit

Send Us Forth  
Celebrate Choir (Grades 1 & 2), Jimmy Kuo, violin

T Keesecker

\*Call to Worship

Bless us, Lord, this day with vision.  
**May this place be a sacred place,**  
A sharing space,  
**Where earth and heaven meet.**

(8:30) Ryan Shimabukuro  
*Troop 77 Life Scout*  
(11:00) Davis Gifford  
*Pack 577 Webelos Scout*

\*Hymn

**Christ for the World We Sing**

**UMH 568**

*(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 (UMH 881)

(8:30) Will Henderson

**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.**

*Troop 77 First Class Scout*  
(11:00) Theo Burek  
*Troop 77 Tenderfoot Scout*

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hudson Kraft  
*Troop 77 First Class Scout*

Anthem (11:00)

Worthy to Be Praised  
Chancel Choir with Evelyn Unger and Terese Sanders, soloists

B Smith

Psalter Lesson

Psalm 50:1-6

(8:30) Sam Henderson, *Troop 77 Life Scout*

The Word of God for the people of God.

(11:00) Nathan DeLange, *Troop 77 Eagle Scout*

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

UMH 427

A Scout is Reverent

Reese Vaughan

Offertory Prayer

Adam DeLange  
*Chartered Org Representative*

**Our God when the world outside is cold, you warm our hearts and inspire our dreams.  
Help us to share the warmth of your love with all those who struggle to find their way.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

The Old Boatman  
Orchestra

F Price

\*Doxology

Old 100th

**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.**

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**Why Church?  
...Share the Light**

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

\*Hymn

**Christ Is the World's Light**  
*(Those who wish to join the church are invited to come forward.)*

UMH 188

\*Benediction

Dr. LaRocca-Pitts

\*Postlude

Juba Dance from Symphony No. 1 in e minor  
Orchestra

F Price

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*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in honor of Jill Smith's 90th birthday by her family.*

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### MUSIC NOTES BY JOHN COWDEN

This morning we are winding up our "Why Church" series by coming back to where we began: Christ is the light of the world. But this morning we recognize that if Christ is to light the world, we must reflect His light together. Listen for the way the hymns express our unity in bringing the light of Christ to the world each day of our lives.

It's a joy to welcome the scouts to worship this morning, both in the lectern and also in the choir and orchestra!

*A few more notes from Scott Stewart...*

In Black History Month, we celebrate milestones and commit to the work of inclusivity and belonging. African-American composer, Florence Price (1887-1953), (she briefly taught at Clark-Atlanta in 1910!), is just now having her heyday. After decades of not being performed, her 300+ works are being revived and hailed for their sophistication and creative soul.

\*Congregation stand as able. **UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing**  
**Children's Worship bags** available at the front of the sanctuary to the right.  
**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 Connection and Digital Ministry* ext. 212  
Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster – *Bishop in Residence*

## Our Program Staff

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Leanne Herrmann – *Organist*

## Our Church Information

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## Our Schools

Oak Grove Christian School 404-636-5476  
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## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:dosteen@ogumc.org) or 404-636-7558 ext.221)



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