OAK GROVE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 2026 | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Barbecue

Saturday, October 17 | 11 am – 4 pm

Featuring delicious pit-cooked pulled pork barbecue: homemade Brunswick stew (cooked in 40-gallon cast iron pots): crisp, tangy slaw; secret recipe bbq sauce; and pickles, potato chips, and bread. Dine-in guests also have a choice of lemonade or iced tea.

Adults $15.00 **Children $10.00**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ogumc.org/barbecue

There are many opportunities for everyone on both Friday and Saturday. We can't do this without you!

BUY YOUR TICKETS

Pre-printed paper tickets can be mailed in (if you received them in the mail) and can be bought at the welcome desk in the Portico.

Electronic tickets can be bought online using a credit/debit card, google pay, paypal, or ACH transfer. Visit ogumc.org/barbecue to buy electronic tickets.

GET A T-SHIRT

Available for sale. Visit ogumc.org/barbecue or buy one at the Barbecue.

UWF Bake Sale

Drop off your baked goods Friday, October 16, between 10 am and 3 pm, or Saturday, October 17, after 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Money raised goes to missions of the United Women in Faith.

UWF Craft Sale

Shop in Grand Hall on the day of the Barbecue or at the Preview Sale on Friday, October 16 from 9 am to 3 pm. Money raised goes to missions of the United Women in Faith.

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 am Order of Worship

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Gathering Music — Lorely — Atlanta Flute Club Ensemble
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, arr. Nora Kile

Welcome and Announcements — Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Introit — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty! — Wesley Ringers
arr. Kevin McChesney

*Call to Worship — Dr. McBrayer

Our lives are in the care of God.
God has given us abundance and hope.
This day we have come to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us.
We gather to celebrate God's love and to offer our lives in service.
Come, let us open our hearts to the Lord!
Let us rejoice in God's goodness and love. Amen.

*Hymn — **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** — **UMH 103**

Children (Pre-K–1st grade) may leave for Children's Church (Room 223) during the last stanza. After 8:30 am, children will go from Children's Church to Sunday School. At 11 am, children return to the service for the final hymn. New to Oak Grove? Please accompany your child to the front gathering area, and someone will help you check them in.

*Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed — Dr. McBrayer

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.

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer — Dr. McBrayer

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.

Anthem (11:00) — What Shall I Render — Chancel Choir
Austin Lovelace

What shall I render to my God for all His mercy's store? I'll take the gifts He hath bestowed and humbly ask for more. The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive, and all His promises embrace and to His glory live. My vows I will to His great name before His people pay, and all I have, and all I am, upon His altar lay. Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to Thee whate'er is mine. Born in Thy family below, and by redemption Thine. Thy hands created me, Thy hands from sin have set me free, the mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to Thee. Praise Him, ye saints, the God of love who hath thy sins forgiven, till gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heaven.

Scripture | Psalm 107:1-9, 43 | Elizabeth Unger

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

*Hymn | **For the Fruits of This Creation** | **UMH 97**

Offertory Prayer | Dr. McBrayer

Receive our humble offerings, O Lord, for your work in the world.
Bless those who give, those who send, and those who will receive these gifts.
May our offering sow seeds of hope and bear the fruit of love wherever they are sown.
Amen

Offertory Anthem | How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
from *Ein Deutches Requiem*
Johannes Brahms, arr. Nora Kile | Atlanta Flute Club Ensemble

*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.

*Scripture | Luke 12:13-21 | Bob Unger

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Sermon | **Why Do We Give?** | Dr. Doug Gilreath

The Grace of Giving Video | Sharon and Mark Spears

*Hymn | **Lord, I Want to Be a Christian** | **UMH 402**

*Benediction | Dr. Gilreath

*Postlude | Stac-Flat
Roger Bourdin | Atlanta Flute Club Ensemble

Music Notes by John Cowden

Back in June, I preached a sermon called Good News/Bad News. The good news was that we are not defined by the worst things we have done. The bad news was that we are also not defined by the best things we have done. I was thinking of when I saw the preaching scripture for today's worship. It's true that we aren't defined by what we have done. It's also true that we are not defined by what we have--whether we have a lot or a little.

The music this morning is based on recognizing that all we have comes from God, the "light inaccessible hid from our eyes." Before we do anything else, we should be thankful. And in a spirit of gratitude, we should commit ourselves to following the example of Christ, giving generously of ourselves. Side note: the middle hymn, which may not be familiar to you, has one of my very favorite lines in all of hymnody in the 3rd stanza: "for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God." Mmmm.That's delicious.

Many thanks to the Atlanta Flute Club Ensemble for playing for us in worship this morning!

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*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 is available for children ages 3and under in all worship services.

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Today's Worship Servants:

Altar Guild: Randee Cook, Tryllis Hallford, Sally Houghton

Sound/Livestream: Billie Williams, Ricci Valldejuli

Ushers: John Adams, Charlie Beckham, Jack Chilton, Kim Cody, Kelly Ewing, Clint Ginn, *John Hancock, Joseph Hancock, Sherry Hancock, Dan Riedford, Jim Smith, Kurt Travis, Lillian Travis, Linda Travis, Bill Widmayer *Usher Captain

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
YouTube: youtube.com/ogumc

Our Pastors

Dr. Doug Gilreath – *Senior Pastor*	ext. 211
Rev. Melissa Kime-Hall – *Pastor of Service and Nurture*	ext. 236
Dr. Joseph McBrayer – *Pastor of Connection and Digital Ministry*	ext. 212
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Our Church Information

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Our School

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Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that Thursday 12 pm 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.

VISIT the Oak Grove website: ogumc.org and pull down "FORMS". Fill out your information. *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).