



### **Our Introduction**

MapleRidge Church is an intergenerational congregation affiliated with [Converge](#) with an average 2019 Sunday morning attendance of 280 people, across two services. We believe God is doing a work among us as the kingdom of Jesus takes root in us. We are on the verge of a new chapter of music ministry, and we are eager to welcome an authentic, energized, and relationally-gifted worship pastor to engage with a committed team of volunteers to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

### **[Our Mission](#)**

We exist to make followers of Jesus through winning the spiritually lost, building the believer in their faith, equipping the worker to do the work of the ministry, and growing spiritual leaders who can shepherd and lead God's people. Prayer and Christian formation are foundational to the life of MapleRidge Church. Following Jesus and being shaped and formed into His likeness is something we get to do together. People are attracted to follow Jesus when they see that we love each other as brothers and sisters in Jesus within the church.

### **[Our Beliefs](#)**

We embody a generous theological Christian orthodoxy. Those who come from a more liturgical church background, a free church background, or those with no prior church affiliation have found a home at MapleRidge Church. Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, the congregation, led by the Holy Spirit, is the final authority within MapleRidge Church.

### **Our Music Ministry**

For the past 25 years we have been led in worship by composer and arranger Lloyd Larson, a professional musician with a [pastoral background](#). Under his leadership MapleRidge Church worships the Lord Jesus Christ with diverse musical styles. The most important musical sound on Sunday mornings is the voice of the congregation. We are one church with two worship services, and each service has its own musical style. One service consists of more traditional congregational songs with choral worship, and the other service is led with contemporary worship. Our adult choir is a thriving and

important ministry. Our children's choir and handbell choir participate in worship on special occasions as well. Historically both men and women who are gifted by the Holy Spirit lead us in all aspects of public worship, and a wide array of talented musicians participate in those worship services. Our Sunday mornings include a professional sound technician and an updated sound system.

### **Our Church History**

Osseo First Baptist & Northwest Baptist were founded in the 1950s. They came together in 1984 as "Praise Community Church," choosing the name to express their desire to reach the community for Christ and be known for praising God. Together, this new church purchased the land on Maple Knoll Way-Elm Creek Boulevard and built our current facility. In 1991, we changed our name to MapleRidge Church. Over the years we have improved and expanded the footprint of our building to accommodate ministry growth. In 2018 we renovated the gym, added classrooms and a playground. We thank God for the generosity of a congregation that has freed us to do ministry without debt.

### **Our Demographic**

MapleRidge Church is a multi-generational church that reflects the community around us. The city of [Maple Grove](#) actively seeks to attract the over-65 demographic while at the same time appealing to young families. MapleRidge Church is steadily growing across all age groups.

### **Our City**

MapleRidge Church is in the center of the city of Maple Grove, Minnesota. "[Maple Grove](#) is a flourishing community in the Twin Cities metro area that over 61,000 residents proudly call home. Just twenty minutes from Minneapolis and forty-five minutes from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, citizens receive every amenity of a large city and the peace and charm of a small town."