



Thank you to Betsy Smith for providing our piano accompaniment.

Thank you to Sandy Deckard and The Memory Bells, and all the characters and helpers who made this wonderful family program possible.

Thank you to the Creating Spaces Team for their work in beautifying our sanctuary and lobby.

On Christmas Eve 2008, the Memory Bells played in church for the first time. Tonight we'd like to ask you all to join us in celebrating the seventh anniversary of our choir!

You, as a congregation, have made all this possible with your generosity and your support, and we thank you. Over the years, we've grown from two to three octaves of bells, as well as adding three octaves of hand chimes, which enhance the variety and tone of our music. We enjoy making "A Joyful Noise" for you, and appreciate all your gracious comments each time we play. Our choir has grown so much over the years, thanks to all our exuberant, dedicated ringers and I feel very privileged to have been a part of this as their director.

Merry Christmas to you all, and best wishes for a happy, and healthy, New Year from the Memory Bells.



Join us Sundays!

**West Grove United Methodist Church
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8:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Childcare and Children's Worship provided

6:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service

Prelude "The Little Drummer Boy" Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Tammy Waldrop
Bob Castaldi, Drums; Joshua and Nathan Robinson, Triangles

Christmas Greeting

***Hymn** "O Come All Ye Faithful" No. 234, Vv. 1-3,6

Lighting the Advent Wreath (from Lift Up Your Eyes)

Reader: For anyone who has walked in darkness, a new light has dawned!

All: O come, let us adore him!

Reader: For anyone who has ever felt forgotten, a new light has dawned!

All: O come, let us adore him!

Reader: For anyone whose patience has been put to the test, a new light has dawned!

All: O come, let us adore him!

Reader: For anyone in search of the way, the truth, and the life, a new day has dawned!

All: O come, let us adore him!

Reader: Tonight we light all the candles as we open our eyes to the glory of Christ's birth. As we light the first candle, we celebrate the hope that transcends our hurting world. The second candle celebrates the peace that tears the veil of hostility and division. The third candle celebrates the love that covers our guilt. And as we light the fourth candle, we celebrate the joy that can dry every tear. The flame of the Christ Candle opens our eyes to God's everlasting light, as we celebrate the way to worship Christ, our newborn King.

Pick Up Pageant "Flying Around and Keeping Sheep"

*Children of all ages from the congregation
are invited to come forward to receive headbands*

for angels, sheep, shepherds, stars.

There are no speaking parts for children.

Angels will say Glory to God.

Sheep will say Baa! Baa!

Shepherds will say Where are My Sheep?.

Stars will say Look for Jesus.

The story will be read for the children to act out for us.

Christmas Meditation "Picture of a Baby" Pastor Monica

***Hymn** "Away in a Manger" No. 217

Offertory "Love Has Come" Memory Bells Choir
Arranged by Michael Mazzatenta

Pastoral Prayer

*Sharing of the Christmas Light

As we celebrate the birth of a baby and the coming of a King, we are called to spread the light. We lit our candles as a way to help us remember where Jesus is and others to know. Receive the light from your neighbor with your candle upright and then, lean your candle to share with a neighbor.

***Congregational Carol** "Silent Night" No. 239

*Benediction

***Hymn** "Joy to the World" No. 246, Vv. 1,2,4