



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Joy



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 13, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

*Welcome! Comment in the livestream feed.
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

*Call to Worship

Pastor Jim

Leader: When the Lord restored the blessings of his faithful, we were like those whose dreams are fulfilled;

People: Our lives were filled with laughter, our hearts with shouts of joy!

Leader: For we see and understand deep within our souls, that God always intends good for us

People: The Lord our God loves us deeply and seeks what is best as he brings us joy!

Leader: So let us live and give in life in ways that will also bring God great joy!

People: Let us come home to him with shouts of joy, preparing to receive and share the gifts of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!

Opening Song

“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

PraiseWorks Band

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Anticipating Joy, Isaiah 35:10

Pastor Tim

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Pastor Tim

Response to the Lesson

Pastor Tim

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon

“Joy From Deep Within Our Hearts”

Pastor Tim

Hymn

“People Look East”

UMH No. 202

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

Hymn

“Angels From The Realms Of Glory”

UMH No. 220

Joys and Concerns

Pastor Jim

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

Offertory

"Every Valley"

Chancel Choir Ensemble

Pre-Recorded Audio

Words (adapted from Isaiah) by Joseph Martin, Music by Joseph Martin

Dedication of Offering

Pastor Tim

Closing Song

"Sing For Joy"

PraiseWorks Mini

***Benediction**

Pastor Tim

***Postlude**

• = *Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLIGHT SERVICES: A Family service will be offered at 6:00 p.m. with Contemporary music and a Traditional Service will be offered at 11:00 p.m. Attendance will be by **RESERVATION ONLY** so that we can ensure proper social distancing. As each service is limited in size, please call (610-869-9334) or email (office@westgroveumc.org) the office to make your reservation. It is on a first come basis. In addition, we will be having a "Lighting of the Luminaries" in the driveway with Carol singing. Details to follow soon.

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURES AT CHRISTMAS, Dec. 13. A Conference-Wide Christmas Celebration on Zoom, Sunday, Dec. 13, from 3 to 5 PM. Featuring Celebrations from Around the World to be shared. We will also hear church traditions, family traditions and close by lifting the light of Christ together.

Register! <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=582271&>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON OFFICE HOURS: The Church will modify its office hours effective immediately. **The office will be open for essential business only from 10 am to 12 pm Monday through Friday.** Please schedule an **appointment in advance** if those hours do not work for you. As often as possible, please use email, calls, and texts to contact the church office. Telephone messages will be checked frequently throughout the day. The shopping cart is on the outside front lobby entrance for donation drop-offs and will be checked regularly. The mailbox is available to drop off information, envelopes, etc. for the office and will be checked daily. **Please call Donna Fackler if you have any questions: 610-869-9334 or email at office@westgroveumc.org**

Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 61:1-4 (NRSV)*

The Good News of Deliverance
The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 61: 8-11 (NRSV)*

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in God's name.

Welcome, one and all! Church Office: 610-869-9334

Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org Email us at info@westgroveumc.org

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: This year we will be sharing Christmas with the families who come to our Church's Food Pantry. Instead of gifts, the church will be **giving away 40 \$25 Walmart Gift Cards** away. If you would like to donate to the gift cards, please note in the memo on your check "Christmas Gift Cards". If you could ensure your donation is received by December 20th, that would be very helpful. We will continue our tradition of **purchasing gifts for 10 residents of the Twin Pines Nursing Home**. Please sign up with Joan Leaman with your interest in providing gifts.

AMAZON SMILE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP THE CHURCH: Due to Covid, many of us have been depending on on-line shopping to limit our exposure. If you use Amazon for your shopping, would you please consider signing in under Amazon Smile? It's the same stuff, same account, but you get to chose a charity and Amazon will donate (at no cost to you) a percentage of what you spend to the charity. Of course, we hope you chose **West Grove United Methodist Church** when you make your choice. It's painless and it helps the church. **Please ask your family and friends to chose us too!**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR TWIN PINES HEALTH CARE CENTER: This year, as in the past, our church will be providing Christmas gifts for some of the residents at Twin Pines. **Please go to our website, look at events and use the link there for sign-up genius to sign up for a gift to purchase.** Please wrap your gift and label it with the recipient's name. Gifts should be dropped off at the church by December 16th. Please place your gifts in the volunteer office. Thank you so much for helping provide some Christmas cheer to others.



Poinsettias

Order Your Holiday Poinsettias

Once again we will be adorning the sanctuary with poinsettias, the beautiful Christmas season flower. Please use this order form, email the office at office@westgroveumc.org or call Donna at the office at 610-869-9334. Each plant will be in a 6^{1/2} pot and will be red with 4 to 5 blooms and will be **\$6.50 each**. The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary in honor, memory or in celebration of a special person or event. Simply fill out the form below and return it to the office by **Sunday, December 13th**. Those who ordered flowers and who they ordered them for will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Please pick up your poinsettias after worship on December 27th or during that following week.

Christmas Poinsettias Order Form

Name: _____

No. of Plants _____ x \$6.50 each = \$ _____ Total (Please make checks payable to WGUMC with memo for Poinsettias)

CIRCLE ONE:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

In Celebration of:

THIS WEEK: December 13 through December 20, 2020

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Thank you for using phone calls, emails, letters, texts, direct messages, and other
mediums for nonessential business.**

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer (Wherever you are)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Live & Live Streaming w/ Chancel Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship at Jenner's Pond
	3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Celebrating Our Cultures (via Zoom)
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	CC Health Inspection
	7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Advent Bible Study w/ Pastor Jim (Sanctuary)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:30 a.m.	Chapel Time
	7:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (via Zoom)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:30 a.m.	Chapel Time
	10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Full Staff Meeting (Sanc.)
	7:00 p.m.	Ad Council/Finance Meeting (via Zoom)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	1:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Christmas Gift Drop Off
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Distribution
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.	Mighty Writers Christmas Gift Drop Off
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Worship Live & Live Streaming w/ Memory Bells
	C:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group

SCRIP IS BACK! If you are ordering gift cards for the holidays to shop or give as gifts, grocery cards, gas cards, a selection of many store cards, please place your order through the church! We get a percentage as a donation to the church, so every card you purchase, helps the church! **Please call Gene Aucott to place your order today! 610-869-7355**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community Prayer Focus for November: Youth Ministry
Mission Prayer Focus for November: Sunday Breakfast Mission

Glenn Allen (Mundell)

Debbie Beck (Shiplet)

Joe Carberry

Helen Carlin

Dick Chambers

Joann Coates

Dee Crawford

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)

Mary Finn (Mullen)

Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)

Ellen Hayes

Richard Heacock

Baby Evelyn Herrera

TJ Hess (Hruz)

Doug Kaiser (Mundell)

Kathy Kase (Fackler)

Family of Tom McClure

(Saller)

Joel & Heaven McCree

(Combs)

Laura Minnick



Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Linda Peirson

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Rich and Joan Saller

Linda Shiplet

Reed Smith

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel

(Strewjewski)

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Jeannie Sullivan

Family of Jerry Summers

(Jackson)

Larry Thompson (Saller)

Bruce Varney (Shiplet)

Mary Weidman (Miller)



Anderson S. Camp
Navy, Norfolk, VA (Shaub)

Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard,
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell,
Fayetteville, NC
(Sara Ann Ramberger)

Chris Weidman—Japan
(Miller)

Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine
Corps

Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

*It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that
impact and change lives for Christ!*

Report from December 6, 2020

General Offering: \$ 2,297
 Building Maintenance Fund: \$240
 Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$315
 Emergency Groceries: 25 families and 75
 bags of food.

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in
worship this Sunday.

Easy Worship/Live-Stream	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio	Nate Robinson
Camera	TBA / Nate Robinson
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Steve May/Mike Wiwel
Remote Video Editing:	Keith Schneider
Officiating:	(Live) Pastor Tim (Live) Pastor Jim
Music Director:	(Live) Betsy Smith
PraiseWorks Mini:	(Live) Brian Combs, Joan Leaman, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Mike Wiwel
Chancel Choir Ensemble:	(Recorded) Sandy Deckard, Margee Michaels, Edel Mullen, Peter Mullen, Vicki Owens, Dick Price, Debbie Schneider, Jake Schneider, Janis Schrader, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley, Peggy Watkins
Hymn Vocalists	(Live) Mel Leaman, Jim Mundell, and Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley