



West Grove United Methodist Church

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 27, 2020

9:30 a.m. Blended Virtual Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

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

Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 59-60, & Luke 2:29)

Pastor Jim

Leader: I will sing for joy in God, explode in praise from deep within my soul!

People: He has dressed us up in a suit of salvation, out fitted us in robes of righteousness!

Leader: The Spirit of God is on us because he has anointed us;

People: He has sent us to preach good news to the poor, heal the broken-hearted, and entrusts mercy to set us free from sin!

Leader: God has sent us to announce the year of his grace, to comfort those who mourn and care for their needs!

People: He brings life out of the ashes, messages of joy instead of doom, a praising heart instead of a languid spirit!

Leader: For our eyes can see God's salvation; our hearts can know the grace of God!

People: Hallelujah! We can live in the wholeness of God's Covenant forever more!

Opening Song

"Our King Has Come"

PraiseWorks Band

Opening Prayer (Based on Galatians 4:4-7)

Pastor Jim

**Dear Lord and giver of all life,
we give you thanks for this great season
when we celebrate that you have reached out to us
through the life and love of Jesus Christ our Lord.
You have made it clear to us that humanity can be hopeful of redemption.
Help us to grow in the ways we know you as Father, Papa Daddy.
May we accept the inheritance you provide for us.
Where we have been willing to accept confinement to sin and death,
you have opened up the door to so many possibilities
through the hope and wholeness that Jesus brings.
Help us to accept your gifts for ourselves,
and then share them with others,
as you have so generously entrusted them to us.**

**And lead us to grow and mature by grace
to share your light with the world in all we do.
In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.**

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| Scripture Lessons | <i>Luke 2:22-40</i> | 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 | "Peace and Hope Fulfilled" | Pastor Tim |
| Song | "Love Is Singing" | Mel Leaman |
| | Words and Music by Mel Leaman | |
| Moment for All Ages | | Melanie Hartley |
| Hymn | "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" | UMH No. 224 |
| Joys and Concerns | | Pastor Jim |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Pastor Jim |
| The Lord's Prayer | | Pastor Jim |
| Offertory | "Tis A Wonderful Thing" | Chancel Choir |
| | Words and Music by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse | |
| Dedication of Offering | | Pastor Jim |
| Closing Song | "Go Tell It On The Mountain" | UMH No. 251 |
| *Benediction | | Pastor Jim |
| *Postlude | | |
| • = Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison | | |

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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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

STAFF VACATION: Donna Fackler is on vacation December 29-31, so combined with holidays, she will not be in the office the week of 12-28 through 1-01-2021. Melanie Hartley is on vacation 12-27, 12-29-31.

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**

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!**

THIS WEEK: December 27 through January 3, 2020

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 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)

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship Live Streaming Only w/ Chancel Choir

The church office is closed Monday, December 28 through Friday, January 1.

Monday: Christmas Monday—Church Office is closed.

Tuesday: No Activities

Wednesday: No Activities

Thursday: 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. WGUMC Food Pantry

Friday 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mighty Writers Food Distribution

Saturday: No Activities

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship Live Streaming Only

Please contact Donna Fackler (office@westgroveumc.org) to set up Zoom for your group, Bible study, small group, gathering, or meeting. You can access Zoom on a landline, a cell phone, a smartphone, a laptop, or a desktop.

The church is not the building, The church is the people. The Holy Spirit can not be contained, even in quarantine. Please watch your email, our website www.westgroveumc.org, our Facebook page www.facebook.com/westgroveumc for more information.

Please join us for worship at www.facebook.com/westgroveumc. You do not need Facebook to worship. Click on the link or type it into your web browser. Best of all, God is with us!

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 and Mission Prayer Focus for December: Those who are suffering due to the Pandemic

George Anderson
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 20, 2020

General Offering: \$ 4,,821
Building Maintenance Fund: \$0
Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$20

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

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

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| 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: | (Recorded) Pastor Tim (Live) Pastor Jim |
| Music Director: | Betsy Smith |
| PraiseWorks Band: | (Recorded) Bob Castaldi, Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith |
| Chancel Choir: | (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 |
| Moment for All Ages: | (Video) Melanie Hartley |