



West Grove United Methodist Church

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PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Make straight in the desert
A highway for our God.

~ISAIAH 40:3

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 17, 2021

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 40:3-5)

Pastor Tim

Leader: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God!

People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain be made low;

Leader: The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain!

People: The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken!

Leader: Let us reach out in Christ to ALL our brothers and sisters of life, and share the generous gifts entrusted to us!

People: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken!

Opening Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East Or West"

UMH No. 548

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

(Based in part on a sermon, "Paul's Letter to American Christians,"
by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King)

God of grace and mercy, we seek your heart this day.

**Sadly, we confess that Sunday morning
is still one of the most segregated moments in our lives as Americans.**

Forgive us Lord.

**Move us beyond our self-focused nature,
our strivings for material and scientific accomplishments**

**to be embraced by your grace,
to see and strive for moral and spiritual achievement.**

Help us live as people who give our ultimate allegiance to you.

**Help us to be maladjusted to the world's hatred, greed, and malice
and not be conformed to this world, but transformed in all aspects of our lives,
by the renewing of our hearts and minds by your extravagant grace and love,
embodied in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**May we let go of focusing so much on making a living,
and instead receive and make a life of life eternal in you.**

**Prepare us to make the sacrifices needed to help you transform this world,
so that your Kingdom might come upon this earth
and renew and recreate what is sacred and holy within and among us all.
In the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.**

Scripture Lessons	<i>Luke 16:19-31</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	“Truly Seeing and Looking For Other People”	Pastor Tim
Song	“For Everyone Born”	PraiseWorks Band
Moment for All Ages		Melanie Hartley
Hymn	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	UMH No. 474
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Jim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Jim
The Lord’s Prayer		Pastor Jim
Offertory	“Blessed Assurance”	Memory Bells Choir Arranged by Linda Lamb
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Jim
Closing Song	“Bless The Same”	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
*Postlude		
• = Please stand as you are able Bold Print = Say in unison		

The Rich Man and Lazarus

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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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

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Due to mail delays, we have just received our 2021 Offering Envelopes. They are **ready for you to pick up at the church**. We will have a table in the lobby with your envelopes in alphabetical order. As the church office hours have changed, please call Donna Fackler to ensure someone is in the building when you would like to pick up your envelopes. The office is open from 10 am to Noon daily, but Donna is available at other times as well if you call ahead. **Do you no longer wish to have envelopes**, or would like to offer electronically? Please advise the office at office@westgroveumc.org so that we can make the change to our records. **Unable to pick up your envelopes?** Let the church office know and we will arrange delivery or mail them.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY: The Eastern PA Conference's 2021 Tools for Ministry, **March 13, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**, will make history by being **totally online for the first time**, rather than being held in onsite district locations. Offering virtual classrooms on Zoom for this annual, half-day academy of learning for church leaders is yet another way the Conference is adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic and overcoming required social-distancing restrictions against large gatherings. Ironically, that adaptation is bearing fruit in allowing the Conference to offer a cornucopia of 35 diverse, online courses taught by expert faculty, **all for a nominal registration fee of only \$5**. And even more fruit may result from a record-breaking turnout, due to the convenience, affordability and growing acceptance of online, home-based adult learning. Bishop Peggy Johnson will begin the morning plenary with devotions. An offering, using text-to-give on smartphones, or mailed options, will be received to support the antiracism and justice work of POWER, an interfaith community organization to which some Eastern PA Conference churches belong. The 35 workshops cover a wide array of interesting and helpful subjects. One is in Spanish and another will be offered bilingually in English and Spanish. The workshops will be offered in two 90-minute sessions—beginning at 9:00 and 10:45 AM, with a break in-between. Visit the online information page and register today (<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=597616&>). Also, download the flyer and the full brochure with worship descriptions

YOUTH GROUP: I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and had some down time to relax and recharge. After a few weeks away, I am so happy to say that youth group will be back in person on **January 17, 3:30 p.m.** We are celebrating with a **hot cocoa bar and games!** Our group will continue meeting in the sanctuary and we will wear masks during close contact games and keep our distance when necessary. I am so excited to be back with all of you again! If you have any questions or concerns, contact Melanie.

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**

THIS WEEK: January 17 through January 24, 2021

**~~ 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)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Virtual Only Worship w/Memory Bells
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Sanc.)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	7:00 p.m.	Re-Opening Committee Meeting (via Zoom)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time
	6:30 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (via Zoom)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time
	7:00 p.m.	Finance/Ad Council Meetings (via Zoom)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	WGUMC Food Pantry
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16)
	2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Mighty Writers Food Distribution
Saturday:	9:00 a.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	Virtual Only Worship w/Memory Bells
	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Sanc.)

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 **virtual worship only** 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!

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 January: Those who are suffering due to the Pandemic

George Anderson
Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Joe Carberry



Helen Carlin

Dick & Mildred Chambers

Family of Jeanette Christman
(Deckard)

Joann Coates

Dee Crawford

Linda Eyster (Combs)

Michael Fackler (Fackler)

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)

Raymond Leonardo
(McGinley)

Steve May

Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)

Laura Minnick

Betty Mundell

Tim Mullen

Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Linda Peirson

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri

Rick Renzulli (McGinley)

Rich and Joan Saller

Linda Shiplet

Reed Smith

Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)

Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)

Maureen Stickel (Fackler)

Jeannie Sullivan

Fernando Tena

Family of Larry Thompson
(Saller)

Bruce Varney (Shiplet)

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Mary Lou Werndorfer (Miller)

Steve Williamson (Heist)

Jacob Yoder (Wills)



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

Daniel Engberg—USA (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 January 10, 2021

General Offering: \$ 6,319
Building Maintenance Fund: \$50
Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$100

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:	Betsy Smith
PraiseWorks Band:	(Recorded) Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith
Hymn Vocalists:	Mel Leaman and Betsy Smith
Memory Bells:	(Recorded) Sandy Deckard, Director Cindy Haley, Joan Leaman, Christy Robinson, Richard Stuhrke, Carol Sweet, and Peggy Watkins
Moment for All Ages:	(Video) Melanie Hartley

“Blessed Assurance” arranged by Linda Lamb. Ringers this month are Cindy Haley, Joan Leaman, Christy Robinson, Richard Stuhrke, Carol Sweet, and Peggy Watkins