



West Grove United Methodist Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
February 28, 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 Psalm 22:22-31)

Pastor Tim

Leader: Let us shout hallelujah together, for we are God-worshippers!

People: God has never let us down, never overlooked us, or looked the other way!

Leader: His covenant is not a business contract; it comes out of his heart, directly to ours!

People: In faithfully gathering together, we have discovered the praise life of faith in God's heart!

Leader: Everyone, especially the down and out are welcome into his presence, made to feel at home in his grace!

People: So in front of everyone, I will do what I have promised: joined the God-worshippers in testifying to God's love!

Leader: We will never quit, not any of us; we reach out and include everyone from the poor to the powerful!

People: May our worship and praise of God reach out through the generations; God leads us beyond our horizons!

Opening Hymn

"O Worship The King"

UMH No. 73

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**Lord and Savior, we come before you in worship,
seeking to let go of all that distracts us in life, and allow you to lead us.
It often intimidates us, to have such a faith as to follow Christ.
We let a whole host of worries overwhelm us
with fears of illness, powerlessness, and even failure.
As Americans today, we are, sadly, often more comfortable
with conducting business than with caring and sharing friendships in faith.
Lord, we don't need a lawyer, and another contract to define us.
We need a personal Savior, your grace and mercy to embrace us.
Thank you, for shining light on the truth.
Help us to stop tip-toeing around, avoiding your promises,
and be fully embraced into your heart.
Help us to live, not on what we *can't* do, but by what *you can do*,
and have promised to do for our sinful world, so desperately in need.**

**Lead us during this season of Lent to be faithful in journeying with Christ,
so that we might embrace more fully and deeply, the power of Easter.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

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| Scripture Lessons | <i>Romans 4:13-28</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 | “Faith In The Face Of Darkness” | Pastor Tim |
| Song | “Grace Like Rain” | PraiseWorks Band |
| Moment for All Ages | | Melanie Hartley |
| Hymn | “God Will Take Care Of You” | UMH No. 130 |
| Joys and Concerns | | Pastor Jim |
| Pastoral Prayer | | Pastor Jim |
| The Lord’s Prayer | | Pastor Jim |
| Offertory | “Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary” | Chancel Choir |
| | <i>Words and Music by John M. Moore Arranged by Patti Dennon</i> | |
| Dedication of Offering | | Pastor Jim |
| Closing Song | “Your Grace Is Enough” | PraiseWorks Band |
| *Benediction | | Pastor Tim |
| Choral Benediction | “In The Shadow Of The Cross” | Chancel Choir |
| *Postlude | | |

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

Scripture Lesson: *Romans 4:13-28 (NRSV)*

God's Promise Realized through Faith

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY CLASS **Mondays, February 22-April 5** **6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

During the Mondays of Lent, beginning on February 22 and continuing each Monday until the Monday after Easter (April 5th), there will be a Bible Study on the events of each day of Holy Week and for the days following the Resurrection. It will be held in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM and will be supported by a PowerPoint program that I am developing. This 7-week study will begin with Palm Sunday when Jesus rode triumphantly and victoriously into Jerusalem and will look at the events of each day of Holy Week and will include events leading up to the Ascension of Christ. Our study will use the Gospel of Mark as our foundational text and add the events from the other Gospels that are not included in Mark.

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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

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: During the 40 days of Lent we will be sending out a devotion every day through Constant Contact and our website, written by our pastoral leaders at WGUMC. Mel Leaman, Jim Mundell, David Frame, Melanie Hartley, and Tim Anderman will share some reflections on scripture to empower our journey with Christ to Jerusalem during Lent. We are intentional about growing and maturing as disciples of Christ, and look forward to the ways God is calling us to prepare for the year ahead and Easter's celebrations.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS OPEN! WGUMC has reopened our doors to LIVE worship. Currently, we will offer in-person worship limited to 35 people to allow for safe distancing, as well as continuing to provide our online services. We all miss seeing our church family in person. Call or email the church office to ensure your seat.

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2020 are in the mail! Please look for your statement, as due to mailing delays, it might take several days to get to you. **If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Heather McCummings, Financial Secretary.** Thank you for faithful and generous support of the missions and ministries of the West Grove United Methodist Church!

YOUR NEW 2021 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. Call the office and Donna will be sure to have them ready for you! **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**. 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**. 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.

Please support the church through signing on to Amazon Smile for your online purchases or purchase gift cards through our Scrip program.

Each purchase contributes a small percentage to the church, but with your participation, we can, together, make a difference! Last year, SCRIP purchases provided \$441 in donations to the church and SMILE provided \$144.

THIS WEEK: February 28 through March 7, 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 IN LENT

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| Sunday: | 9:30 a.m. | In-Person and Facebook Worship |
| | 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. | Youth Group (Sanc.) |
| Monday: | 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | Teacher In-Service Day (9, 11, 13, 15, 14, 16) |
| | 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Lenten Bible Study (Sanc.) |
| 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 |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Trustee 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 |
| 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.) |
| | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Advanced Ethics Workshop (Aldergate UMC) |

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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| Sunday: | 9:30 a.m. | In-Person and Facebook Worship |
| | 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 **In-Person and Virtual worship**. Add www.facebook.com/westgroveumc to your browser and join in the live streaming at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. You do not need Facebook to worship. Call or email the church office to let us know you would like to attend in-person, so that we can ensure a seat for you! 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 February: Those who are suffering due to the Pandemic

Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Barber Family (Saller)
Joe Carberry
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred Chambers
Joann Coates
Dee Crawford
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Michael Fackler (Fackler)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Joyce Flowers
Cait Gardiner
Stephen Gaughan (Fackler)
Ellen Hayes
Richard Heacock
Family of Norma Herb
Baby Evelyn Herrera
TJ Hess (Hruz)
Doug Kaiser (Mundell)
Kathy Kase (Fackler)
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Raymond Leonardo (McGinley)
Steve May
Joel & Heaven McCree (Combs)
The McCulloch Family (Owens)
Laura Minnick



Family of Kristi Moore
Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Linda Peirson
Marlene Potter (Rubincan)
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
Linda Shiplet
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)
John Wills (Wills)
Family of Larry Yates
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 February 21, 2021

General Offering: \$ 3,841
(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$0
Emergency Aid & Food Cupboard: \$400
Served — Families

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, Camera | Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke, Christian Stuhrke, and Maggie Stuhrke |
| 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 |
| Handbell Choir Director: | Sandy Deckard |
| PraiseWorks Band: | (Recorded) Brian Combs, Joan Leaman, Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith |
| Hymn Vocalists: | Mel Leaman, Betsy Smith, Dave Talley |
| Chancel Choir: | Sandy Deckard, 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 |