



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Third Sunday in Advent
December 12, 2021

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

*Welcome! We are Open and In-Person! No reservation is needed.
You are welcome to join us on YouTube as well.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Peace

The Barkman Family
Priscilla with grandsons Brent and Christian

Scripture Reading

Pastor Jim

Isaiah 35:10

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.

*Call to Worship (Based on Philippians 4:4-7)

Pastor Jim

Leader: Celebrate God all day, every day! Let us revel in Him!

People: We want to make it as clear as we can, to all we meet, that we are on their side working for them and not against them!

Leader: Help everyone see that the Master, God, is about to arrive, showing up at any moment!

People: We won't allow worry or fear to overcome us, instead we pray! Our praises can shape our worry into prayers!

Leader: When we give them over to God, before we know it, God provides wholeness and joy!

People: It is wonderful when Jesus Christ displaces worry at the center of our lives, for by his grace everything comes together in goodness!

*Opening Hymn

"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"

UMC No. 203

Opening Prayer (Based on Philippians 4:7-9)

Pastor Jim

**O Lord, our God, we seek you this day,
humbly asking that you be at the center of our hearts and minds,
as you bring our lives together.**

Prepare us for Christmas.

**Fill us with your truth, your authentic grace and mercy,
so that we might let go of what keeps us from you
and the fellowship we can share together.**

**Help us to put into practice what you have taught us in Jesus.
May he come anew into every part of our lives and community,
and put them in harmony with you.**

**Keep us attentive, so that we know it when he comes,
see you in him, and embrace your heart and not hide or turn away,
as you seek to embrace us.**

**And may our lives always be a blessing to our world,
as you have so graciously blessed us.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson	<i>Luke 3:7-18</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	“Faith Brought To Life”	Pastor Tim
Psalter (Responsive)	<i>Psalms 96</i>	Cindy Haley
Leader:	Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.	
All:	Sing to the Lord, bless God’s name; proclaim God’s salvation from day to day.	
Leader:	Declare the Lord’s glory among the nations, the Lord’s marvelous works among all peoples!	
All:	For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, to be feared above all gods.	
Leader:	For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.	
All:	Honor and majesty are before the Lord in whose sanctuary are strength and beauty.	
Leader:	Ascribe to the Lord, O families of peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!	
All:	Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name! Bring an offering and come into the courts if the Lord!	
Leader:	Worship the Lord in holy splendor;	
All:	tremble before the Lord, all the earth!	
Leader:	Say among the nations, “The Lord reigns.”	
All:	The Lord has established the world, it shall never be moved. The Lord will judge the peoples with equity.	
Leader:	Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!	
All:	Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth. The Lord will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.	
*Song of Response	“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”	
Moment for All Ages		Pastor Tim
*Hymn	“People Look East”	UMC No. 202
Special Message	The Mighty Writers	
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Song	“Sing for Joy”	
*Benediction		Pastor Tim
*Postlude		
Passing of the Peace		
	<i>(Please honor those who perceive the need to maintain boundaries.)</i>	

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

Scripture Lesson: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Friday, December 24th

As we move through the Holiday Season and Advent, may we also move closer to Christ the Lord and to one another. We invite you to join us throughout this blessed season as we anticipate the birth and second coming of Christ. Our Sunday services are at 6:00 p.m. (Family), 8:00 p.m. (Contemporary), and 10 p.m. (Traditional) with nursery provided for all services. We joyfully invite you to join us to celebrate Jesus' birth on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24. We offer three different services, so we hope you will find one that will be a blessing to you!

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| 6:00 p.m. | Our family service with music by our Memory Bells Handbell Choir |
| 7:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service at Jenner's Pond with The Rev. Jim Mundell in Allison Theater |
| 8:00 p.m. | Our Contemporary Service with music by our PraiseWorks Band |
| 10:00 p.m. | Our Traditional Service with music by our Chancel Choir and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. |

No reservations are necessary. We do ask that you wear a mask to protect children who are not vaccinated and others who are immune compromised. We hope you will join us!

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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

WELCOME TO THIS GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our welcome center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

LINDA PEIRSON'S MEMORIAL SERVICE will be on Wednesday, December 15. Visitation is from 10-11 a.m. with the service following at 11. There will be an interment in Kennett Square and everyone is invited to luncheon at the church following the interment. If you would like to donate a dessert or side dish, please let Donna Fackler in the office know. Thank you. office@westgroveumc.org 610-869-9334

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: The small tree in the lobby is filled with gift tags for residents of Twin Pines Care Facility and three families in our community. Please take as many tags as you would like. Be sure to write your name on the paper listing the gifts, identifying which gift tags you took. All gifts need to be wrapped, with tags taped on the outside of the gift and brought to church by Mon. Dec. 13th. Please contact Joan Leaman with any questions. Thanks!

BLUE CHRISTMAS—TONIGHT- Sunday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. As we prepare for Christmas, some of us might not feel the joy of the season. Perhaps, this is a season of loss and pain. Anyone who feels that the holly and the jolly of the season is not where they find their hearts, is welcome to join us for our Blue Christmas service. The service welcomes all with trust and understanding in what can be a very painful time of the year. The service includes the lighting of candles, meditative music, prayers, comforting scriptures, and the giving of prayer shawls. Join us as we offer a quiet and reflective service of light in the midst of darkness.

SUNDAY MORNING SOUND BOOTH ASSISTANCE: Our Sunday Morning sound booth crew needs your help! They would like to train you to use the sound booth to help with Sunday mornings or when someone is out due to an emergency. Please call the church office, Michael Duvall or Steve May to express your interest. No experience necessary!

A SMALL CHURCH MYSTERY: As you know, the bells have once again started playing live and rehearsing once a week. Our problem is that two of our folding bell tables are missing and now that things are beginning to ramp up after a year and a half of pandemic protocols, they are needed again. They have been shared with many different groups and people during that time, and if you have any information regarding these tables, could you please either contact Sandy Deckard, at davsav5@comcast.net, or 610-563-9500, or call the church office and let us know where they are. P.S. If you might be interested in playing bells, either as a permanent ringer, or as a substitute, we would also like to welcome you to our group. Let me know.

**~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
The office is open before and after the posted times. Call for an appointment.
(office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334)**

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages Jenner's Pond Worship in Alison Theater Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10) High School Youth Group (#8, 10)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Site Team (J. Bowers) (via Zoom)
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) GS Troop #41366 (#8, 10) Reopening Committee Meeting (#1)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) GS Troop #427 (#8 &10) Finance/Ad Council (#1)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 500 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Food Pantry (Lobby) Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.) GS Troop #4567 (#8, 10) Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday	9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. 7:30p.m.-9:00 p.m.	CMO Classes (9, 11, 13, 14, 16) Mighty Writers Food Distribution GS Troop #41377 (#8, 10) PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc. Or Parking lot)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday:	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages GS Troop #4492 (#8, 10) Middle School Youth Group (#8, 10) High School Youth Group (#8, 10)
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PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: [Email](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. **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.*

The Bishop Family (Anderman)
 Joyce Bischoff
 Dianne Bunch (Stuhrke)
 Helen Carlin
 Dick & Mildred Chambers
 Joann Coates
 Dee Crawford
 Pat Crowl (Shiplet)
 Christina DeFelice (Smith)
 Lena Douglas
 Linda Eyster (Combs)
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
 Ellen Hayes
 Richard Heacock
 Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
 TJ Hess (Hruz)
 Lynn Jackson
 Bill Jones (Peirson)
 Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
 Mrs. Luke (K. Smith)
 Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)
 Jim May (Mullen)
 Lenny Martin (K. Smith)
 Maxine Miller (Mullen)
 Laura Minnick



Betty Mundell
 Tim Mullen
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
 Family of Linda Peirson
 Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)

Michael Raineri
 Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
 Rich and Joan Saller
 RoAnn Bates Schneider
 Ian Smedley (Heist)
 Sandy Smith (Mundell)
 Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
 Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)
 Jeannette Strewjewski
 Jeannie Sullivan
 Stephen Syska (Mullen)
 Carol Sweet
 Martin Tiderman (Hughes)
 Dorothy Tolmie (Tolmie)
 Mary Weidman (Miller)
 Steve Williamson (Heist)
 Linda and Ken Woodward (Mullen)



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—Idaho
 (Miller)
 Dalton Wolfe—U.S. Marine
 Corps
 Drew Zumpino—USA
 (Beauchamp)

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

Report from December 5, 2021

General Offering: \$ 5,625
 (Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)
 Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 45
 Thanksgiving Offering To-Date: \$1260
 Christmas Offering To-Date: \$25
 Attendance: 80 in-person, 16 online views
 Food Pantry: 16 families were served on
 12/02/2021

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Live-Stream	Michael Duvall
Digital Audio, Camera	Nate Robinson, Will Stuhrke, and Maggie Stuhrke
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Steve May/Mike Wiwel
Officiating:	Rev. Timothy Carl Anderman Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Moment for All Ages:	Melanie Hartley

	This Week:	Next Week:
Nursery Aide:	OPEN	Chris Bruno
Counters:	Heather McCummings & Sharon Nesbitt	Valerie Kapp-Benner & Joan Leaman
Lay Readers:	Cindy Haley	Karen Hruz
Usher	Peggy Watkins	Ralph Curtiss
Greeter	Fran Miller	TBD
SS Roamers:	Please contact Fran Miller for information on being a Sunday School Roamer.	

***Thank you to all of our Sunday Morning Servants.
Please prayerfully consider serving on Sunday mornings.
Share your interest with the office and you will be connected with the
correct person to give you information and to sign-up.***