



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Messiah

E M M A N U E L G O D W I T H U S

First Sunday After Christmas
December 26, 2021

9:30 a.m. Blended Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

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

*Call to Worship

Fred Sullivan

Leader: He was born in a stable.

People: But at his birth angels sang, plain folk worshiped, and kings paid homage.

Leader: He grew up in obscurity.

People: But when he declared himself, it was as if a new Sun had risen.

Leader: He lived a life of love and died a death of shame.

People: But the life he lived was for our instruction; the death he died was for our redemption.

Leader: Death's dark womb could not hold him.

People: On Easter day he was born anew.

Leader: Lord, be born anew this Christmas:

All: In me, in you, in us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Once in Royal David's City"

UMC No. 250

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jim

**O Lord, we come from different walks of life
as we gather in this place on the day after Christmas.
Let us approach the manger as the shepherds,
who came to see this wondrous thing of which they had been told.
Let us come to the manger with the steadfastness of Joseph
who heeded the words of the angel and obeyed his Lord.
Let us come to the manger with the love of Mary
who responded with absolute faith and certainty.
Let us come to the manger like the Magi,
who left their homes and followed the star.
O God of great love, let these lives of courage and faith
kindle hope in our hearts that we, too, might bow down
and kneel in gratitude to seek and worship our Lord,
the King of Kings and the Prince of Peace,
who came that we might know what a life of love is all about.
Let it be so, O God; let it be so. Amen.**

Anthem	“Run To The Manger”	Chancel Choir Music by Victor C. Johnson Incorporating “Go Tell It,” African American spiritual
Scripture Lessons	<i>Luke 2:15-18</i> <i>Matthew 2:1-2</i>	Pastor Jim
Meditation	“Seeking The Christ-Child, Jesus”	Pastor Jim
*Song of Response	“I Know Whom I Have Believed”	UMC No. 714
Affirmation of Faith	The Nicene Creed	Fred Sullivan UMC No. 880, Page 4
Moment for All Ages		Pastor Tim
Song	“Go Tell It On The Mountain”	PraiseWorks Band
Joys and Concerns		Pastor Tim
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tim
Invitation to the Offering		Pastor Tim
Dedication of Offering		Pastor Tim
*Closing Song	“Do You Hear?”	PraiseWorks Band
*Benediction		Pastor Jim
Choral Benediction	“Christmas Peace”	Chancel Choir By R. Blank and J. Schrader
*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**

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 2:15-18 (NIV)*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Gospel Lesson: *Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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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.

PORTRAITS OF CHRIST BIBLE STUDY: A new Bible Study, taught by Pastor Jim Mundell, will be **starting on January 10, 2022**, entitled "PORTRAITS OF CHRIST". The world has been asking, "Who is this Jesus"? This study from the Gospel of John presents a series of pictures or portraits telling us about Jesus. Each of the twenty-one chapters gives us a portrayal of some special aspect of the character, life, and work of Christ. You are invited to take part in this study to gain knowledge and understanding of Jesus and His life. **Study begins January 10th at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.**

YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE WEEK—June 26- July 2 Boston, MA: After a two-year delay, we will finally be embarking on our service trip to Bost, Massachusetts! We will be working with Next Step Ministries in the greater Boston area. One of the main worksites will be a new facility for the Boys and Girls Club of America, as well as other work sites. If you have any initial questions feel free to contact Melanie Hartley. We look forward to a great trip!

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. Sandy Deckard, Memory Bells Director

**~~ 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)

First Sunday After Christmas Day

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

Monday: Church Office Is Closed

Tuesday: Church Admin Office is closed
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. GS Troop #41366 (#8, 10)

Wednesday: Church Admin Office is closed
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Mighty Writers Food Distribution

Thursday: 500 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Food Pantry (Lobby)

Friday: Church Office is Closed

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections (Sanc. Or Parking lot)

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Email 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.*

Joyce Bischoff

Dianne Bunch

(Stuhrke)

Helen Carlin

Dick & Mildred

Chambers

Joann Coates

Dee Crawford

Pat Crowl (Shiplet)

Christina DeFelice (Smith)

Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)

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



The Minnick Family

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 19, 2021

General Offering: \$ 2,755.00

(Needed to Meet Budget: \$6,300)

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 170.00

Christmas Offering To-Date: \$245.00

Attendance: 76 in-person, 13 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:	Pastor Tim

	This Week:	Next Week:
Nursery Aide:	Open	Open
Counters:	Dave Talley & Vicki Owens	TBA
Lay Readers:	Fred Sullivan	Dave Talley
Usher	Priscilla Barkman & Joan Saller	Cindy Hoover
Greeter	Kim O'Neill & Paulette Bryan	Tom Hoover
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.***