



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Thanksgiving

CELEBRATE GOD'S GOODNESS



Thanksgiving Sunday
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
November 20, 2022

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

*Call to Worship (Based on Luke 1:68-79)

Pastor Jim

Leader: Bless the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked upon his people with favor and redeemed us!

People: He raised up a mighty Savior for us, one on whom we can build our lives upon!

Leader: He has shown us the mercy promised to our ancestors and always remembered his covenant!

People: And keeping us from harm to embrace life as miracle, we are now free to serve without fear!

Leader: So let us speak the Word of the Lord! And go before him to help prepare his ways!

People: To give people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins!

Leader: The tender mercy of our God will dawn and break upon us from on high!

People: And it will shine upon us, especially in the darkness we may face!

Leader: May He guide us into the way of peace and wholeness!

People: May He guide us into the way of peace and wholeness, our Lord and Savior, Christ our King!

*Opening Hymn

"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

UMH No. 154

Vv. 1-5

Moment for All Ages

Melanie Hartley

(The children are invited to go with the Children's Worship leader to Room 12 for their activities.)

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tim

**O Lord, our God, we thank you, especially this week
for being a King who does not over look, use, or abuse your people.
Instead, you know us all personally, even the hairs on our heads.**

**Our sighs to you in your empathy and understanding of us,
are prayers that you hear and understand.**

**So may we receive and claim your authorship and identity,
deeply woven within us.**

**Help us to understand your grace more,
and give thanks this week before us,**

for all that you have done, are and will do to transform our world and lives.

**May we be doers of your Word,
and not just observers or hearers who deceive ourselves.
May our expressions of thanksgiving open our hearts and minds**

**to prepare us to receive Christ anew every day.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson	<i>Colossians 1:11-20</i>	Pastor Tim
Meditation	“When Christ Is King”	Pastor Tim
*Hymn of Response	“O Worship The King”	UMH No. 73
*Gospel Lesson	<i>Luke 23:33-43</i>	Valerie Kapp-Benner
Affirmation of Faith		Valerie Kapp-Benner

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Anthem	“A Call To Thanksgiving”	Chancel Choir
	Words by Jonathan Martin and Joseph M. Martin, Music by Joel Raney	

Joys and Concerns	Pastor Jim
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Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jim
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The Lord’s Prayer	Pastor Jim
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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory	“’Tis A Gift To Be Simple”	Memory Bells
	Arranged by Anna Laura Page	

Consecration of the Offering	Pastor Jim
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*Closing Hymn	“Lift High The Cross”	UMH No.159
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*Benediction	Pastor Tim
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Postlude

Passing of the Peace, Time of Hospitality

Please join us for a time of Fellowship and Sunday School following the service.

Scripture Lesson: *Colossians 1:11-20 (NRSVUE)*

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 23:33-43 (NRSVUE)*

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah^u of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^u him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in^u your kingdom.” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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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, ONE AND ALL! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. 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.

UMM BREAKFAST: On Saturday, November 26, at 8:00 a.m. the men will meet in the church sanctuary for breakfast and a presentation by The Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman. Please advise Pastor Jim or Mike Duvall of your intent to come for planning purposes. Thank you.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY OF OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS: Sunday, November 27th. Everyone is asked to prayerfully fill out a commitment card with our financial commitment to our fellowship for 2023. We share this commitment as an offering to God, a personal response to our relationship with Him, and as one of many ways we faithfully fulfill our Covenant. Thank you for your faithfulness during such challenging times.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JIM: Mondays, November 28. December 5, 12, 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Jim Mundell will be teaching a Bible study entitled **BACKGROUND AND EVENTS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS.** See Pastor Jim if you have any questions.

UMM TOY DRIVE: The UM Men will, once again, support the 2022 HOLIDAY TOY & GIFT DRIVE for the Methodist Home for Children, Methodist Services of Philadelphia. A flyer of the suggested gifts that may be donated in support for the children can be found in your newsletter on our website: www.westgroveumc.org. **All gifts need to be delivered to the church no later than Dec. 4th** All gifts to be unwrapped. Contact Pastor Jim or Mike Duvall with questions.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION ON Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. The Advent season is almost here!! We look forward to welcoming the season with our traditional Christmas Music Celebration! There will be music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells, and PraiseWorks Band. There will also be a variety of musical numbers by our talented friends and, of course, a carol sing-along. If you would like to perform in this special event with a solo, duet, small group, instrumental, dance, poetry, etc., **please let Betsy Smith know by Sunday, November 27. (musicmomva@aol.com)**

LUTHER HOUSE CHRISTMAS MISSION: The mission team is returning to our Luther House Christmas by making up goodie bags and inviting residents to our Christmas services. Please sign up in the Narthex to donate individually packaged cookies and candies. Please mark your calendars for **Sunday the 11th of December.** We will be filling the bags with homemade cookies and individually wrapped Christmas Candies after service on that date. We ask the congregation to sign up to indicate kinds and quantities of cookies or candies you wish to bring so we can make sure we have enough for all the residents there.

AMAZON SMILE: When shopping this holiday season, **please sign on to Amazon Smile** and chose West Grove UMC as the non-profit you would like have benefit from your shopping. You only have to do this once and then just sign in under Amazon Smile when you shop. **It costs you NOTHING** and the church gets a percentage of all purchases from all shoppers. If you have any questions, contact Donna in the office and she will be happy to share the benefits of shopping with Smile!

**~~ 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)**

**Thanksgiving Sunday
Christ The King Sunday**

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Children and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary with Memory Bells
	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
	4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	GS Troop 4492 (12)
	4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group
Monday:	No Activities	
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Fire Extinguisher Inspection
	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Wayne Carr Holiday Concert
Wednesday:	No Activities	
Thursday:	Happy Thanksgiving! The church office is closed.	
Friday:	The church office is closed.	
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	UMM Breakfast (Church Sanctuary)
	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections (Sanc.)

**Consecration Sunday
First Sunday in Advent**

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Children and Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
	4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at sbrintonpais1@verizon.net or call 610-268-3305. Your request will be shared with the prayer chain, and if you would like, it will be noted below in the bulletin Prayer List.

Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)
Helen Carlin
Dick & Mildred
Chambers
Joann Coates

Family of Dee Crawford
Pat Crawl (Shiplet)
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)
Irm Devom (Stryjewski)
Lena Douglas
Linda Eyster (Combs)
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)
Pat Gaughan (Fackler)
Alysia Groves (McGinley)
Richard Heacock
Alan Herb (Shiplet)
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)
Lynn Jackson
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)
Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)
Jim May (Mullen)
Lenny Martin (K. Smith)
Maxine Miller (Mullen)



Betty Mundell
Tim Mullen
Darlene Murphy
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Brian Radcliffe
(Hruz)

Michael Raineri
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)
Rich and Joan Saller
RoAnn Bates Schneider
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)
Linda Shiplet
Ian Smedley (Heist)
Sandy Smith (Mundell)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)
Jeannette Strewjewski
Jeannie Sullivan
Stephen Syska (Mullen)
Carol Sweet
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Tyler Winters (Saller)
Linda and Ken Woodward
(Mullen)
Kay Yates



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

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 November 13, 2022

General Offering: \$ 30,528

Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 20

Thanksgiving Offering: \$135

**Attendance: 71 in-person and 14 on-line
as of 11/17/22**

Food Pantry: 48 families on 11/17/2022

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

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

	<u>Today: 11/20/22</u>	<u>Next Week: 11/27/22</u>
Nursery Aide:	OPEN	OPEN
Children's Worship:	Melanie Hartley	Melanie Hartley
Roamers:	Maryanne Covington	Paulette Bryan
Counters:	Janice Bowers and Joan Leaman	Dave Talley and Vicki Owens
Lay Readers:	Valerie Kapp-Benner	Dick Stuhrke
Ushers:	Linda Brown and Virgil Brown	Mark Simonds and Amy Simonds
Greeter:	Joan Saller	Fran Miller

***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.***