



## West Grove United Methodist Church

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*Second Sunday of Advent  
Communion and Baptism Sunday  
December 4, 2022*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

## Prelude

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Tim

## Lighting of the Advent Candle - Love

The Crowder Family

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## \*Call to Worship (Based on #214 Savior of the Nations Come)

Pastor Jim

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Leader: Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the Virgin undefiled!

**People: Human and divine in one, eager now his race to run!**

Leader: Now thy manger's halo bright hallows night with new born light!

**People: Let no night this light subdue, let our faith shine ever new!**

## \*Opening Hymn

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH Hymn No. 213

## 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 (A Prayer For Advent, UMH No. 201)

Pastor Tim

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets  
to reach repentance and to prepare the way for our salvation.**

**Humbly we ask that you give to us the grace  
to heed the warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity,  
and may await with joy the coming in glory  
of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior,  
our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever and ever. Amen**

## Scripture Lesson

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

Pastor Tim

<b>Meditation</b>	“A Genuine Love, Nothing Artificial”	Pastor Tim
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	<i>Romans 15:4-13</i>	Paulette Bryan
<b>Sacrament of Baptism</b>	<b><i>Logan Scott Crowder</i></b>	(Insert)
<b>Baptism Hymn</b>	“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”	UMH No. 611 Vv. 1-2
<b>Sacrament of Communion ~ The Great Thanksgiving for Advent</b>		
<b>Invitation to the Offering</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>Offertory</b>	“Come, Emmanuel” <i>Words and Music by Nancy Price and Don Besig</i>	Chancel Choir
<b>Dedication of Offering</b>		Pastor Jim
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”	UMC No. 218
<b>*Benediction</b>		Pastor Tim
<b>*Postlude</b>		

**Passing of the Peace, Time of Hospitality**

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

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

<p><b>We now offer a more informal, earlier service at 8:30 a.m.</b>  <b>We invite you to come!</b></p>
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### Hymn

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### Prayer (#201 Prayer for Advent)

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### Message

"A Genuine Love, Nothing Artificial"

Pastor Tim

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### Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

UMH No. 881

### Communion: The Great Thanksgiving for Advent (Pg. 54-55 Book of Worship)

### Invitation to Offering

### Dedication of Offering

### \*Closing Hymn

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

UMC No. 218

### Benediction

Pastor Tim

### Passing of the Peace, Time of Hospitality

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## Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 11:1-10 (NIV)*

### The Branch From Jesse

- 11** A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
**2** The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—  
**3** and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.  
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
**4** but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
**5** Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.  
**6** The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling<sup>[a]</sup> together; and a little child will lead them.  
**7** The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
**8** The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.  
**9** They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.  
**10** In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

## Scripture Lesson: *Romans 15:4-13*

- 4** For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.  
**5** May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, **6** so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**7** Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.**8** For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews<sup>[b]</sup> on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed **9** and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:  
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;  
I will sing the praises of your name."  
**10** Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."  
**11** And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him."  
**12** And again, Isaiah says,  
"The Root of Jesse will spring up,  
one who will arise to rule over the nations;  
in him the Gentiles will hope."  
**13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ADVENT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day

when justice shall roll down like waters

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the**

**highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,

whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.

You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts

and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.

You put down the mighty from their thrones and exalt those of low

degree.

You fill the hungry with good things, and the rich you send empty away.

Your own Son came among us as a servant,

to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.

He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
and freely accepted death on a cross.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (*God*), now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

*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

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**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.

### **2022 UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.**

**Blue Christmas Service Sunday December 11 at 7 PM.** We will host a blue Christmas service, a time when we are intentional in our focus on the grief in our lives, to entrust it to God as a way of preparing for Christ coming into our hearts and lives anew this season. We have many sources of grief today, not just from the death of a loved one. God empowers us to understand the miracle of life that we share, and embrace the depth of his heart in whatever events we experience, trusting in his creativity to renew and transform. We invite you to join us for this sacred time of fellowship together.

**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](http://www.westgroveumc.org). **All gifts need to be delivered to the church no later than TODAY, Dec. 4th** All gifts to be unwrapped. Contact Pastor Jim or Mike Duvall with questions.

**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!

**Disciple Bible Study:** One of the great joys I have had has been in sharing a great fellowship with others in Disciple Bible study. We have several people who have expressed an interest in sharing in the study, where we read 85% of the Bible in 36 weeks, about 3-4 chapters every day; a daily time of individual devotion of about a half an hour is nurtured. We then come together once a week for about 2 hours to share what we have read and learned, and then look at a video tape that gives us more background on our readings. It's the Word of God interwoven with fellowship with sacred friends, a real Methodist experience of holiness. Please contact me if you have any interest or would like more information. We'd need to determine a day & time to meet. Call and leave a message at the office or e-mail me at [pastor@westgroveumc.org](mailto:pastor@westgroveumc.org)



## Annual Christmas Giving Tree



### **SHARING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING WITH RESIDENTS**

**AT TWIN PINES:** As in the past, this Christmas we will be collecting gifts to be given to the residents at Twin Pines Health Care Center in Chatham. We have been given the names of 20 residents and their gift suggestions. Those gift tags are hanging on the small

Christmas tree in the lobby. **We ask you to wrap the gifts and put the tag on the outside of the gift. Wrapped gifts should be brought to the church and placed under the tree by Sunday December 18th.** Thank you for your generosity!

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION TONIGHT!

**Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.**

The Advent season is here!! We look forward to welcoming the season this evening 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. There will be a time of fellowship in the lobby after the event with cookies and cider. A Love Offering will be taken at the door to benefit our Music and Sound /Technology Ministries.



Retired Active People

**RAP will be meeting on Friday, December 9th, at noon.  
Our own Melanie and Steve May will tell us about  
their Adventure of a Lifetime!**



Melanie and Steve May walked the entire Appalachian Trail this past year--starting at Springer Mountain in Georgia in mid-March and finishing atop Mt. Katahdan in Maine in early October. At 2195 miles, the Appalachian Trail is the longest hiking trail in the world! Many people have hiked parts of the trail, but few have completed it, let alone completed the trail in one year! Melanie and Steve will share their experiences, the scenic beauty of the trail, the wildlife encountered, the friends made, and the unique challenges that only an adventure like this can bring. Will Melanie and Steve be willing to do something like this again? Join us on December 9th to find out!

**COVERED DISH LUNCHEON!** Decide what you will bring for your covered dish! It would be helpful to know what you selected so our committee can make sure we will have a "balanced menu"! Just let us know when you respond. Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger by phone or email to let her know that you are coming and what you are bringing. Invite your friends to join us! Everyone is welcome. Looking forward to being together on December 9th!

RAP Committee

Paulette Bryan, Cindy Haley, Joyce Lewis, Sara Ann Ramberger, Caryl Stuhrke

**Sara Ann Ramberger: 610-869-3863, sar57ver@verizon.net**

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

**Second Sunday in Advent  
Communion and Baptism Sunday**

<b>Sunday:</b>	9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. <b>6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.</b>	Children and Adult Sunday School Worship Service Middle School Youth Group High School Youth Group GS Troop 2292 (12) <b>Christmas Music Celebration</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) Tech Team (#1) Advent Bible Study (Sanc.)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) GS Troop 4189 (8, 10) Trustee Meeting (1)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) GS Troop 427 (8, 10)
<b>Thursday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <b>1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.</b> 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m. <b>5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.</b> 5:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) <b>Mighty Writers Food Dist.</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.) <b>Food Pantry (6, Lobby)</b> GS Troop #4251(8, 10) Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
<b>Friday:</b>	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16) R.A.P. Covered Dish Luncheon & Program
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	<b>JULIETS meet at the church</b> Daily Reflections (Sanc.)

**Third Sunday in Advent**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	<b>Worship Service</b> Children and Adult Sunday School Worship Service Jenner's Pond Worship in Alison Theater Middle School Youth Group High School Youth Group
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# 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](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) or 610-869-9334 or Email Susan Paisley at [sbrintonpais1@verizon.net](mailto: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)  
Family of Pat Gaughan  
(Fackler)  
Richard Heacock  
Alan Herb (Shiplet)  
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)  
Family of Don Hurst  
Lynn Jackson  
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)  
Erica Lindell (Stryjewski)  
Jeff Luttmann (Miller)  
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)  
Jim May (Mullen)



Lenny Martin (K.  
Smith)  
Betty Mundell  
Tim Mullen  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)

Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)  
Michael Raineri  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)  
Rich and Joan Saller  
RoAnn Bates Schneider  
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)  
Linda Shiplet  
Ian Smedley (Heist)  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)  
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)  
Jeannette Strewjewski  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Stephen Syska (Mullen)  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Jill Williams (Miller)  
Tyler Winters (Saller)  
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 27, 2022

**General Offering: \$ 5,679**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 20**

**Thanksgiving Offering To-Date: \$ 900**

**Attendance: 91 in-person and 11 on-line  
as of 11/29/22**

**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

	<b><u>Today: 12/04/22</u></b>	<b><u>Next Week: 12/11/22</u></b>
Nursery Aide:	Joan Leaman	OPEN
Children's Worship:	Melanie Hartley	Melanie Hartley
Roamers:	Amy Castaldi	Fran Miller
Counters:	Dick Stuhrke and Carol Stuhrke	Janice Bowers and TBA
Lay Readers:	Paulette Bryan	Peter Mullen
Ushers:	Linda Brown and Virgil Brown	July Gambill and John Gambill
Greeter:	Fred Sullivan	Ray Leonardo

***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.***