



# **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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*January 7, 2024 — Epiphany Sunday*

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

## Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Jim

## Prelude

Betsy Smith

## \*Call to Worship (Written by Rev. Mindi)

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**People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path**

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

**People: O Lord, remind us that You lead us O Lord, guide us as we look to You and worship You. Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn

"There's a Song in the Air"

UMH No. 249

## \*Opening Prayer (In unison)

**God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light, a star, which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer

A time for a one-on-One, together with God.

## Lord's Prayer

## Moment for All Ages:

Xavier Feliciano

## Anthem

"Follow That Star"

Chancel Choir

Words by Pamela Stewart, Music by Brad Nix

## Scripture

*Matthew 2:1-16*

## Meditation

"Attitudes Tell the Story"

Pastor Jim

## Hymn of Response

"We Three Kings"

UMH No. 254

## Holy Communion      The Great Thanksgiving for Epiphany

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, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were

brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the 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. 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, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light. 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, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Communion Music**

"The Star Still Shines"

Dave Talley & Betsy Smith

Words and Music by Shawna Edwards and Linda Urquhart

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

**Dedication of Offering**

**Closing Hymn**

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH No. 251

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Please join us in the Lobby/Narthex for a time of fellowship.*

# 8:30 a.m. Worship

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### Dedication of Offering

Pastor Jim

### Benediction

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**Bold Print = Say in unison**

### **The Magi Visit the Messiah**

<sup>2</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> 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.”

<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

<sup>6</sup> “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

### **The Escape to Egypt**

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” <sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

## 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.*

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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. **For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth. Please feel free to ask for them.**

**PASTOR JIM MUNDELL'S BIBLE STUDY: Beginning January 8th, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., in the sanctuary.** The study will be on the teachings of Jesus and how one is to live in the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. Known as the "Sermon on the Mount" found in the Gospel of Matthew, our study will take an in-depth analysis of what Jesus was teaching his followers. Please join us as we delve into Jesus' teachings on the "Sermon on the Mount".

**WGUMC YEARLY GIVING ENVELOPES:** Our giving envelopes have arrived and are located in the narthex. Stop by and pick yours up. If you don't receive envelopes and would like to have a booklet **OR** if you no longer need giving envelopes because you give electronically, please contact Janice Bowers. **Text or call Janice Bowers at 484-888-6821 or email her at [pastorjaniceb@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjaniceb@gmail.com).**

**NEW FAITHLINKS BIBLE STUDY:** Join us beginning **January 21<sup>st</sup> during the Sunday school hour (9:45—10:45)** for a new bible study by Adam Hamilton: "Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Profit." Contact Caryl Stuhrke for more information: 302-239-1743 or at [spikoe@aol.com](mailto:spikoe@aol.com).

**OPEN HOUSE/SPECIAL FOOD PANTRY: Join us on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> during the Sunday School Hour, 9:45—10:45,** as we have invited the families who regularly participate in our food pantry to tour the church and have an opportunity to meet staff and church members. We would love to have them join our Sunday school and worship opportunities. You can support this outreach with your attendance and by welcoming people with your warm heart in Christ. For the food pantry that morning, we are asking for **donations of cooking oil, corn tortillas, fresh tomatoes and bags of dry pinto beans.** Those donations can be brought to the church anytime before the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** Please join us on **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** in the church lobby as we gather for tea and cookies. Carol McGinley will bring us a gathering devotion and prayer. We welcome your input for upcoming programs and mission projects. **Mark your calendar for our Spring Rummage Sale scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**E-MAIL CHANGES:** We have separated our office email from Donna's, who is now working part time at home as our Financial Administrator. The office email is: [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org). Should you need to email Donna her email is: [Financialadmin@westgroveumc.org](mailto:Financialadmin@westgroveumc.org). **PLEASE DO NOT USE —[donna.fackler@westgroveumc.org](mailto:donna.fackler@westgroveumc.org)**

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

## NEED PRAYER?

**Prayer Requests: Please do not leave prayer requests on the prayer chain email. It is not monitored. Email April Spencer** 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.

Renee Bergstrom  
Family of Murphy  
Berkheimer (Kapp-  
Benner)  
Linda Sue Black  
(Hruz)



Jim (J. Bischoff)  
Dianne Bunch (Stuhrke)  
Helen Carlin  
Beth Castaldi (K. Smith)  
Courtney Castaldi (K. Smith)  
Dan Castaldi (Castaldi)  
Cindy (Karen Hruz Neighbor)  
Joann Coates  
Dante Danilshenko (Grace  
Kennedy)  
Katie Deeter (P. Bryan)  
Dan and Liz DePaul (Jackson)  
Irma Devom (Stryjewski)  
Linda Eyster (Combs)  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Joyce Flowers (Mullen)  
Richard Heacock  
Jennifer Hertzog (Jackson)  
Karen Hruz  
Lynn Jackson  
Michele Johnson (Spencer)  
Maria Kanno (Mullen)  
Debbie Kennedy (Coates)

Erica Libdell (Stryjewski)  
Tom Kuch (Kuchs)  
Ted Lynam (Stuhrke)  
Lenny Marten (K.  
Smith)  
Jim May (Mullen)

Richard Minnick  
Betty Mundell  
Peter Mullen  
Tim Mullen  
Doug Paine (Jackson)  
Family of Dan DePaul  
(Jackson)  
Don Nixon (Mullen)  
Brian Radcliffe (Hruz)  
Michael Raineri  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Sam Reyburn (Shiplet)  
Levi Schrum (Carmichael)  
Connie & Jobe Simcox  
David Shaver (Hruz)  
Connie & Jobe Simcox  
Linda Shiplet  
Ian Smedley (Heist)  
Reed Smith  
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)  
Flora Spiegel (Strewjewski)  
Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)  
Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena  
Maira Tena  
Mary Weidman (Miller)  
Jill Williams (Miller)  
Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,  
USA

Brian Kubo—Washington  
(Mullen)

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 31, 2023

**General Offering: \$21,979.00**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$220.00**

**Attendance: In-Person and You Tube**

**8:30: 28 11:00: 67**

**Food Pantry: 71 families on 01/03 &  
01/04 Food donations are appreciated.**

## **SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING**

### **Sunday Morning Servants**

Digital Audio: 8:30	Aiden Steltzer
Live-Stream & Audio: 11:00	Michael Duvall
Sound Booth Rotating:	Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith
Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech	Mike Wiwel
Officiating:	Rev. S. James Mundell
Music Director:	Betsy Smith
Memory Bells Director:	Peggy Watkins
Moment For All Ages:	Xavier Feliciano

#### **Today: 01/07/23** **8:30 / 11:00**

#### **Next Week: 01/14/23** **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide:	Open / Open	Open / Open
Children's Worship:	TBD	TBD
Roamers	Amy Castaldi	Fran Miller
Counters:	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke	Joan Leaman & Paulette Bryan
Lay Reader: 8:30	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
Lay Reader: 11:00	None	John McGinley
Ushers: 8:30	Amy & Mark Simmonds	Alison & Gene Aucott
Ushers: 11:00	Tom & Cindy Hoover	Tom & Charlotte Adams
Greeter: 8:30	Joan Saller	Kim O'Neill
Greeter: 11:00	Esther Culbertson	Fran Miller

***Would you like to be a Sunday Morning Servant? We would welcome your participation as an usher, greeter, lay reader, acolyte (children grade 3 and above), nursery attendant, Children's Worship leader, or Sunday School teacher. If you have an interest in serving in any capacity on Sunday mornings, please contact April Spencer in the church office at 610-869-9334 or [office@westgroveumc.org](mailto:office@westgroveumc.org) for more information.***