



West Grove United Methodist Church

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Preaching today: Rev. Dr. Melvin Leaman
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*And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and
the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the
LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

Isaiah 2:17 KJV

February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship

Prelude		Betsy Smith
Words of Welcome		Pastor Mel
Ministry Opportunities		Pastor Mel
*Call to Worship (Responsive)		Dave Talley
Leader: There is a longing that lingers in our hearts,		
People: That harbors a hope over the horizon.		
Leader: It is out there in the beyond,		
People: Yet in here – a spirit within,		
Leader: A love that draws us,		
People: A cross that compels us.		
Leader: In this hope,		
ALL: We find our home.		
*Opening Song	"The Heart of Worship"	PraiseWorks
Passing the Peace of Christ		
Opening Prayer (In Unison)		Dave Talley
Our God, we linger in this moment to reflect upon the transforming power of Your Love that lives in our hearts. Nothing can separate us from it, but we can close our eyes to the light of experiencing it. Your Love is endearing; your Love is frightening. It calls us to Yourself, compels us to live for others, carries us in our weakness, cautions us midst self-righteousness, convinces us of truths we resist. Have Your way with us this day. Amen.		
Moments for All Ages		Joan Leaman
First Scripture Lesson	<i>Isaiah 2: 1-17</i>	Dave Talley & Pastor Mel (See pg. 5)
*The Gospel Lesson	<i>St. John 12: 27-36</i>	Pastor Mel
Song	"Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord"	PraiseWorks
The Meditation	"What Has God Got to Do with Gaza?"	Pastor Mel
Choral Anthem	"Be Thou My Vision"	Chancel Choir
	Words: Ancient Irish, Translation by Mary E. Byrne.	
	Tune: Slane, Traditional Irish Melody,	
	Arranged by Heather Sorenson	

Sharing our Joys and Concerns (All are invited to share)

The Lord’s Prayer

Giving our Gifts: Offertory “Will Justice Reign?” PraiseWorks

***Closing Hymn** “For the Healing of the Nations” UMH No. 428 (vs. 1-3)

***Benediction** Pastor Mel

Postlude Betsy Smith

Join us in the Lobby for a time of fellowship.
Please stand as you are able. **Bold Print = Say in unison*

8:30 a.m. Worship

Prelude		Betsy Smith
Words of Welcome		Pastor Mel
Ministry Opportunities:		Pastor Mel
*Call to Worship (*Bold to be read in unison)		Judy Gambill
Leader: There is a longing that lingers in our hearts		
People: That harbors a hope over the horizon		
Leader: It is out there in the beyond		
People: Yet in here – a spirit within		
Leader: A love that draws us		
People: A cross that compels us		
Leader: In this hope		
ALL: We find our home.		
*Opening Hymn	“How Can We Name A Love”	UMH No. 111 (vs. 1,3,4)
Passing the Peace of Christ		
Opening Prayer (See pg. 2) (In Unison)		Judy Gambill
Moments for All Ages		Joan Leaman
First Scripture Lesson (See pg. 5)	Isaiah 2: 5-17	Judy Gambill & Pastor Mel
*The Gospel Lesson	John 12: 27-36	Pastor Mel
Meditation	“What has God got to do with Gaza?”	Pastor Mel
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Giving of our Gifts: Offertory		Betsy Smith
*Closing Hymn	“For the Healing of the Nations”	UMN No. 428 (vs. 1-3)
*Benediction		Pastor Mel
Postlude		Betsy Smith

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First Scripture Lesson: 2:5-17 (NIV)

⁵Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

P: Israel, come to your senses and follow where God's light shines

⁶You, LORD, have abandoned your people, the descendants of Jacob.

P: Your people have abandoned Your priorities.

They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and embrace pagan customs.

P: They have lost their minds to people's East and West for priorities foreign to God.

⁷Their land is full of silver and gold; there is no end to their treasures.

P: Nothing means more to them than more: more land, more wealth, more influence

Their land is full of horses; there is no end to their chariots :

P: They carry them on their ships; sell them in the continents; fly them in the skies

⁸Their land is full of idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their fingers have made.

P: They finance and place their faith in ever-more menacing techniques and technologies

⁹So people will be brought low and everyone humbled—do not forgive them.

P: They will be brought low.

¹⁰Go into the rocks, hide in the ground from the fearful presence of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty! ¹¹The eyes of the arrogant will be humbled and human pride brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

P: They will be brought low

¹²The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), ¹³for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty, and all the oaks of Bashan, ¹⁴for all the towering mountains and all the high hills, ¹⁵for every lofty tower and every fortified wall, ¹⁶for every trading ship and every stately vessel. ¹⁷The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled;

P: They will be brought low

the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

The Gospel Lesson: John 12:27-36 (NIV)

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up [g] from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this ‘Son of Man?’” ³⁵Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. ³⁶Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

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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.

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 from 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.

Please honor us by signing the Friendship Pad and we encourage you to join us again.

For those who need them, there are hearing aids available at the sound booth.

Please feel free to ask for them.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH: WGUMC is honored to have two pastors who have volunteered to serve as we wait upon the announcement of an interim pastor, who would serve until our new pastor is appointed in July. Rev. Dr. Melvin Leaman and Rev. James Mundell are offering their services on the following schedule:

February: Pastor Mel Leaman will be leading the services on February 11th and 25th. The Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th at 7:00 pm. will be led by Pastor Jim. Pastor Jim will also lead the service on February, 18th. **March:** March 3rd and 17th services will be led by Pastor Jim. March 10th and 24th (Psalm Sunday) will be led by Pastor Mel. Both Pastors will led the service on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

PASTORAL CARE: Along with preaching for the next few months, Pastor Jim and Pastor Mel will be available for those who may need to see or speak to a pastor during our transitioning. Please feel free to call or stop in during the hours they have designated to be at the church. See the schedule below:

Mon. thru Wed. from 10:00-Noon * Thurs. 3:30-5:30 pm. *Friday by appointment only.

Pastor Jim: Monday's & Wednesday's * Pastor Mel: Tuesday's and Thursday's

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Please join us on **February 14th at 7:00 pm.** for our Ash Wednesday Service. Pastor Jim will lead us in a meditation on "**Prayer and Fasting in Preparation for Easter Sunday**". There will be ashes spread on the forehead or the back of one's hand.

COOKIE BAKING PARTY; Coming on February 16th at 6:00 pm. Join Xavier and youth of all ages for a SWEET night of cookie baking and decorating.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Round up your kids and grand kids and get ready to Dive into the fun on July 15th—19th. Call or email Xavier for all the details. Xavier at 610-612-7377 or the church office at 610-869-9334. Childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org,

8:30 AND 11:00 AM LAY READERS NEEDED: Anyone willing and able to be scheduled as a Lay Reader for our 8:30 and 11:00 services please call Joyce Lewis at 302-293-3463 or email her at joyalew29@comcast.net.

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 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.

Renee Bergstrom

Linda Sue Black
(Hruz)

Dianne Bunch
(Stuhrke)

Sandee C (Jim Mundell)

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)

Jill and Jay, Fran Miller

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)

Steve Scheufele (Kuch's)

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)

Heidi Streibel, (Edel Mullen)

Gail Stuhrke (Stuhrke)

Rosanne (Kapp-Benner)

Jeannie Sullivan

Josephine Tena

Maira Tena

Mary Weidman (Miller)

Jill Williams (Miller)

Kay Yates



Nathaniel Howard,
Philippines
(Wayne & Pam)

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 February 04, 2024

General Offering: \$3,824.80

Building Maintenance Fund: \$170.00

Attendance: In-Person and You Tube

8:30: 24 11:00: 57

**Food Pantry: 118 families on 02/07 &
02/08 Food donations are appreciated.**

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday Morning Servants

Digital Audio: 8:30
Live-Stream & Audio: 11:00
Sound Booth Rotating:

Aiden Steltzer
Michael Duvall
Will Stuhrke, Doyle Stuhrke, Maggie Stuhrke and Reed Smith

Audio/Visual/Live-Stream Tech

Officiating: Rev. James Mundell

Music Director: Betsy Smith

Memory Bells Director: Lavenia Civitella

Moment For All Ages/Youth Director: Xavier Feliciano

Today: 02/11/24 **8:30 / 11:00**

Next Week: 02/18/24 **8:30 / 11:00**

Nursery Aide: Open / Open
Children's Worship: TBD
Roamers: Fran Miller
Counters: Joan Leaman
& Paulette Bryan

Open / Open
TBD
Maryanne Covington
Len & Ruth Kuch

Lay Reader: 8:30 Judy Gambill
Lay Reader: 11:00 Dave Talley
Ushers: 8:30 Fred Sullivan
& Kim O'Neil
Ushers: 11:00 Paulette Bryan
& Nancy Duvall

Volunteers Needed

Joyce Lewis
Amy & Mark Simmonds

Linda & Virgil Brown

Joan Saller
Nancy & Scott Renk-Wise

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 for more information.