

**Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
November 29, 2020**

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Our God is the living God, enduring forever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth (Daniel 6:26-27).

In the beginning was the Word: spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

Listen and hear—God’s promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning, and through him all things come into being.

**Eternal and near at hand, already and not-yet,
God’s promise is the foundation of all life.**

Listen! Hear the covenant anew, giving voice to a future with hope.

Light the Advent candle of hope

Hymn *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* # 178

**Moment for Mission
Response** *Gloria* # 204

Song *If I Could Visit Bethlehem* #3063
Wren/Hopson (Amanda Marcum, solo)

**Hearing from God’s Word
Scripture**

Daniel 6:6-27
(Insert)

Message

***When the sweet by-and-by
meets the nasty here and now.***

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord’s prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn *To us a Child of hope is born* # 189

Benediction

Sending Song *Until Jesus Comes* # 3050

First
Sunday
of *Advent*



CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org
Minister of Nurture and Music	Carol Elmore carol@oakgrovecob.org
Stephen Wills	keyboard
Joe Blaha	recorder, hymn arranger
Sam Phillips	viola
Kathie Robinson	flute
Judy Saunders	guitar

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, treatment for breast cancer
Joyce Harmon, at her sister Sarah's home recovering.
Mark Detweiler, having some health issues.
Dick Simpson, having some health issues

CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE

Youth Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Youth volunteer at Casa Latina from 4-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Children's Zoom the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. on Zoom.



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Daniel 6:6-27

⁶So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." ⁹Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

¹⁰Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹²Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, "O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." ¹³Then they responded to the king, "Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day."

¹⁴When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

¹⁶Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!" ¹⁷A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?" ²¹Daniel then said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong." ²³Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions--they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: "May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:

For he is the living God,
enduring forever.

His kingdom shall never be destroyed,
and his dominion has no end.

²⁷He delivers and rescues,
he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth;
for he has saved Daniel
from the power of the lions."

178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL 87. 87D

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus! born to set thy
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and

peo - ple free, from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a king, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, dear de -
Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone. By thine

sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Gloria

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GLORIA III

Canon 1 Dm Gm C F 2 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3 Dm Gm C F 4 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier

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189 To us a Child of hope is born

ZERAH CM extended

1 To us a Child of hope is born, to us a
 2 His name shall be the Prince of peace, for - ev - er -
 3 His pow'r, in - creas - ing, still shall spread, his reign no

Son is giv'n. Him shall the tribes of earth o - bey,
 more a - dored, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or,
 end shall know. Jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove,

him all the hosts of heav'n, him shall the tribes of
 the great and might - y Lord, the Won - der - ful, the
 and peace a - bound be - low, jus - tice shall guard his

earth o - bey, him all the hosts of heav'n.
 Coun - sel - or, the great and might - y Lord.
 throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

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Until Jesus Comes

(♩ = 100)

C7 F A7 Dm
 Un - til Je - sus comes, un - til Je - sus

4 Cm7 F7 Bb F Dm7 G7
 comes, I'll be watch - ing and wait - ing un - til Je - sus

8 C7 F A7 Dm
 comes. Un - til Je - sus comes, un - til Je - sus

12 Cm7 F7 Bb F Dm7 G7 C7 F
 comes, I'll be watch - ing and wait - ing un - til Je - sus comes.

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