

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
December 10, 2023 • Second Sunday of Advent

*Calling In Hymn *While we are waiting, come* # 1032

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Silent Night* arr. Berry/Van Valey
(Diane Hollins and Joan Simpson, duet)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace
The congregation responds in bold.

In days when God’s people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, “Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins” (Isaiah 40:1).

We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

We light these candles as signs of God’s shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

*Prayer of Invocation
Jesus, our Prince of Peace, the world you created was quickly broken because in our foolish wisdom, we thought we knew better than you. We have made a terrible mess of your beautiful world and the people you most dearly love.

Open our eyes to the beauty of the Gospel that we might, with you, proclaim peace on earth. Amen.

*Hymn *Advent Carol* (vs. 1, 2) 17th c./Tim Harvey

Children’s Time Lynette Harvey

Offering
*To make an online contribution,
scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.*
Offertory *Break forth, O beauteous heavn’ly light*
*Response *Hark! The herald angels sing* (vs. 1, 3) # 201

Music *Best Christmas Medley Ever* arr. John Dare
Oak Grove Ringers

Hearing from God’s Word
Scripture Genesis 1:26-29 (OT, p. 1)
Luke 2:8-14 (NT, p. 58)
Message *The Very Good Gospel: Just Peace*

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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 *It came upon a midnight clear* (vs. 1, 3, 5) # 195

*Benediction

*Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels* Mendelssohn
*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	12:15 p.m.	Youth Lunch at Ichiban
Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study at Famous Toastery
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Music Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Caroling

PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
Lois Sowder, at home
Betty Phillips, rehab at Friendship Manor South
Emma Jean Woodard, recovering from surgery
Dennis Shearer, prayers for treatment
Dennis Ferguson, recovering from surgery

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (12/03)

Sunday School- 62
Worship- 115 (in person); 18 (online) = 133
Men’s Bible Study- 8
Offering- \$ 9,681.00; \$ 1,604.95 (online) = \$ 11,285.95

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore
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Handbell Director Diane Grant

Advent Readers Sam & Ellen Phillips

Nursery workers Trenton & Kristin Marcum
Nursery workers (12/17) Lisa Newell & Alli Yingling

Head Usher Bill Hall

Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills	organ
Joe Blaha	piano
Robert Smith	mandolin
Tim Harvey	guitar

Handbell Choir

Susan Lindsey, Rena Brown, Diane Hollins, Rosie Wood,
Julie Hall, Becky Widdowson, Joan Simpson, Andrea
Milgrim, Jill Mooney

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We have a limited number of spaces reserved for those with mobility challenges. If you are able, please park in the spaces farther away from the church.



Pews and chairs marked with this logo are reserved for persons with mobility challenges and their companions.



Our Meditation Garden is available for prayer in the side yard of our church property.



Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question? Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



Childcare is available during the worship service for children birth to 2nd grade.



Hospitality is an important part of our life together—we want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you. If you've been here a while, we'd love to provide a permanent nametag.



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