## Oak Grove Church of the Brethren **December 31, 2023**

\*Calling In Hymn Morning has broken

**Welcome and Announcements** 

We Three Kings **Prelude** arr. Young

\*Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold.

Snow-capped mountains and sandcastles on beaches,

comets flashing across the night and meteors crashing into moons;

Dolphins playing tag in the ocean and trout resting on river bottoms,

storks nesting on chimney tops and doves cooing in the mornings,

Children making snow angels, teenagers maturing into adults,

grandparents filled with joy over grandchildren's first steps; congregations singing a favorite hymn;

All creation joins in one song:

Praise the Lord!

Wrap us in the shawl of compassion, God of holiness, so that this season of goodness and giving might last longer than the after-Christmas sales.

Teach us your patient ways, Spirit of wisdom, so we would learn to notice what we have in common with others, rather than what divides us; and we might walk through this year offering kindness in the face of bitterness and hurt.

Help us to love one another as Jesus loves each one of us. Amen.

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* (vs. 1-3) \*Hvmn # 71

Children's Time Dan Lubbs

Offering

# 648

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Offertory Go, Tell It On The Mountain arr. Curtis \*Response Praise God from whom # 119

Offertory Prayer

You bless us with an abundance of gifts, God of life, not as a reward for doing good, but as a means to reach out with healing to the broken, to clothe those who shiver in winter, and to bless others with the hope which has been ours. As we offer our gifts to you, we do so in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song Be Thou My Vision Trad. Irish/Byrne (Keith Robinson, solo)

**Hearing from God's Word** 

2 Corinthians 3:1-6 (NT, p. 180) Scripture New Year, New Beginnings Message

**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 Another year is dawning!

\*Benediction

\*Postlude What Child is This arr. Part \*Please stand as you are able.

## THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	
Sunday	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship

#### **PRAYER**

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

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Invocation

#### **CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS**

Pastor Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org

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Worship leader Amanda Leddy
Worship Leader (1/7) Connie Bierly

Nursery workers Rena' Brown & Alli Yingling
Nursery workers (1/7) Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson &

Kris Tilley-Lubbs

Head Usher Bill Hall

Sound Booth Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond

**Instrumentalists** 

Stephen Wills organ Joe Blaha piano

## **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (12/24)**

Sunday School-30

Worship- 91 (in person); 15 (online) = 106

Offering- \$ 8,101.00; \$ 930.00 (online) = \$ 9,031.00

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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