

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Introit *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* 15th century
(Barry LeNoir)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *People, Look East* Craig Phillips

Call to Worship

Hear from the prophet Isaiah: in the days to come when God brings new heavens and new earth, people will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks,

nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore (Isaiah 2:4).

We light the first Advent candle to signal our Hope. One small light reminds us that the night of darkness and separation from God is passing away. Let us “prepare our house as we are able” by throwing off works of darkness and putting on the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 13:11-14).

Where fear narrows our vision, let this light widen our sight.

Light the Advent candle of Hope

Make in us a spacious hope: watchful, courageous, seeking the common good.

The One who calls us is trustworthy; our hope will not be put to shame.

Song and Hymn *People, Look East* # 1036
(Barry LeNoir)

Prayer of Invocation

God of all hope, you do not abandon your people or your world. Where we are exiled by despair, gather us in. Where power hoards and harm multiplies, interrupt us for justice. Teach us to beat our own swords into tools of mercy and grace. Awaken us to your kingdom come. Let this season train our imaginations for your arriving presence, hope that organizes, hope that comforts, hope that risks love. Through Jesus Christ, Light among us. Amen.

Children's Story Amanda Leddy

Call to Giving

To make an online contribution, scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

Offertory *Veni Emmanuel* John Barr

***Response** *Gloria* # 204

Anthem *Hope and Expectation* arr. Joseph Martin

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT, p. 631)
Romans 13:11-14 (NT, p. 162)

Message *Hope!*

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

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Variations on today's hymns*
*Please stand as you are able

PRAYER

Sharon Wertz (Star City Nursing and Rehab)
Lois Sowder (Terra Bella Pheasant Ridge)
Dan Brogan (Berkshire Health and Rehab)
Gladis Lehman (Friendship Manor)
Marge Montgomery (Pheasant Ridge)
Jonna Detweiler, ongoing medical treatment
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Tanya Pizzullo, cancer treatment
Ralph Petcher, recovering at home
Jake Keating, recovering at home
Bill Fowler, recovering at home

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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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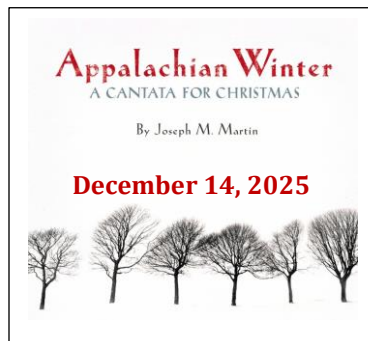
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Peace and Justice
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Handbell practice
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
	6:30 p.m.	Banquet at Camp Bethel
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM at the woodlot
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:30 p.m.	Council Meeting

Prison Postage Outreach

We are collecting postage stamps and greeting cards for the inmates of the Roanoke City Jail. You may bring stamps and cards and place them in the mailbox in the vestibule or donate money marked "Prison Postage" in the weekly offering.



CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Minister of Nurture and Music
Tim Harvey	Carol Elmore
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Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader

Youth
Kris Tilley-Lubbs (December 7)

Infant Nursery

Joan Simpson and Holly Belcher

Childcare

Randall Eakin, Tina Angle and Cooper Purcell

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Mark and Gloria Harmon

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (11/23)

Sunday School- 48

Worship- 131 (in person); 21 (online) = 152

Offering- \$ 6,825.00; \$ 423.61 (online) = \$ 7,248.61