

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
DECEMBER 14, 2025 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude and Introit *'Tis a Season for Singing* Joseph Martin

Welcome, Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-10 (OT, p. 663)
Message *Peace*

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Hear these words from the prophet Isaiah: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom...and rejoice with joy and shouting.

The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened...for waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Everlasting joy shall be on their heads;

they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away!

In anticipation of this day, we light the first candle of Hope, as witness to God's faithful nearness and promise-fulfilling love.

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

Light the Advent candle of Hope

We light the candle of Peace-

peace that cannot be seen by eyes or felt by human hands, but comes when we return to God.

Light the Advent candle of Peace

We light the candle of Joy

for happy are those whose help is the God of heaven, whose hope is in Jesus his Son!

Light the Advent candle of Joy

Make in us an expectant joy: fearless, caring, reconciling.

The One who calls us is trustworthy; joy can be our companion!

Hymn

Fling wide the door unbar the gate

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Prayer

Lord of All and Savior of each one of us, grant us Joy. The Joy that is contentment and delight, and the Joy that comes from the assurance you are at work in us, through us, and in spite of us, because you so love the world. In this season of Joy, we watch and we wait, we marvel and we wonder. Come quickly. Amen.

Call to Giving

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

Offertory

Macht Hoch die Tur

arr. Stefan Diehl

Cantata

Appalachian Winter

see insert

*Hymn

Joy to the world

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*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

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Caroling
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Crafters
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Caroling
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Handbells at Fairington
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



All Church Christmas Caroling is now two days!

Sunday, December 14th beginning at 5:00 p.m.- Caroling will wrap up at the Brogan's home for refreshments.

AND

Tuesday, December 16th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Join us as we spread joy to others! Meet at the church parking lot to carpool.



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

Pastor Tim

Infant Nursery

Teresa Broyles and Lisa Newell
Robin Craighead (December 21)

Childcare

Trenton and Kristin Marcum, Cooper Purcell
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Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Deacon Committee

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (12/7)

Sunday School- 54

Worship- 127 (in person); 21 (online) = 148

Men's Bible Study- 14

Offering- \$ 19,048.00; \$ 1,095.00 (online) = \$ 20,143.00



Appalachian Winter

By Joseph Martin

Song

Long Time Ago
(Colleen Smith, solo)
Haggai 2:7

Song

Hope and Expectation
Jeremiah 33:15

Song

Carol of the Winter Wind
Isaiah 9:6

Song

Mountain Carol
Luke 2:1, 3-7

Song

Gentle Carols of Bethlehem
Luke 2:8-14

Song

While Shepherds Watched
Matthew 2:1,2

Song

A Rustic Star Carol
(Colleen Smith, solo)
Isaiah 40:9

Song

Children, Go Tell it on the Mountain
(Victoria Goodman and Colleen Smith, descant)

Cantata Instrumentalists:

Stephen Wills, piano

Millard Flora, banjo, guitar

Sam Phillips, viola

Ronald Robinson, string bass

Colleen Smith, flute

Robert Smith, guitar