

OAK GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
DECEMBER 21, 2025 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude *The First Noel* Mendelssohn, Wesley
(Lincoln Yingling, vocals and guitar)

***Hymn** *O Little town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1,4) # 191

Children's Nativity and Songs

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Away in a Manger

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Song *Light One Candle*
(Barnes Taylor, solo)

Call to Worship

Hear these words of the Psalmist: Give ear, O our Shepherd, you who
lead your people like a flock!

Stir up your might, and come and save us!

We light the first candle of Hope,
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

We light the candle of Love.

**in a world longing for compassion, the light of God's love and mercy
shines.**

Light the Advent candle of Love

Fill us to overflowing with love: generous, compassionate, committed.
**The One who calls us loves us above all else: we will know the love
of God!**

Advent Hymn *'Twas in the moon of wintertime* # 190

Prayer

**God of Love, in this Advent season, we long for love to take root in our
hearts and overflow from your mercy into a world aching to be held
close. Kindle in us a love that lifts the lowly, that welcomes the
stranger, that remembers your mercy from generation to generation.
Lord Jesus, let your love cast out all fear. Amen.**

Call to Giving

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

Offertory *Berceuse on 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Barr

***Response** *Gloria* # 204

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (OT, p. 540)
Matthew 1:18-25 (NT, p. 1)

Message *Is love enough?*

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** *Angels, we have heard on high* #197

***Benediction**

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

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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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DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

The Church Office will be closed December 25 & 26.

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship



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

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (12/14)

Sunday School- 52

Worship- 135 (in person); 19 (online) = 154

Offering- \$ 22,456.30; \$ 245.00 (online) = \$ 22,701.30

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor

Tim Harvey
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Minister of Nurture and Music

Carol Elmore
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Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills, organ
Joe Blaha, piano

Worship leader

Tim Harvey

Infant Nursery

Robin Craighead
Holly Belcher and Amanda Leddy (December 28)

Childcare

Trenton and Kristin Marcum, Cooper Purcell
Randall Eakin, Tina Angle, and Cooper Purcell (December 28)

Head Usher

Bill Hall

Sound Booth

Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs, Eli Raymond

Deacon of the Month

Deacon Committee