

**Oak Grove Church of the Brethren**  
**December 5, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

\*Calling in Hymn *It came upon...clear* (vs. 1-3,5) # 195

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* John Purifoy  
 (see words #206 in hymnal)

**Advent Scripture** *Christ has come...Christ will come again*  
 Malachi 3:1-4 (OT, p. #889-890)

**Congregation and Choir** *Advent Gathering Song*

Gently *mp* James J. Chepponis

Come, come Em - man - u - el.

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Savior.

**Make our hearts leap with joy, and fill our mouths with songs of praise, that we may announce glad tidings of peace, and welcome the Christ in our midst.**

You have given us a sign of your love through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who was promised from ages past.

**We believe as Joseph did the message of your presence whispered by an angel, and offer our prayers for your world, confident of your care and mercy for all creation.**

Give us ears to hear and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of peace as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ.

**We light this candle as a symbol of the peace we have found in our faith, as we anticipate the coming—and coming again—of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Moment for Mission**

**Hearing from God's Word**

**Scripture** Luke 3:1-6 (NT, p. #60)  
**Message** *Peace*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name.**  
**Amen.**

**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.**

**Nativity** Children and Youth  
**Reading** "He was the Son of God/He was the Son of Man"  
**Reading** "What Christmas Means"

**\*Hymn** *Joy to the world* (vs. 1, 4) # 318

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song** *Soon and very soon* (vs 1) #611

\*Please stand as you are able.

*We thank our Children and Youth for leading us in worship today! Thanks to the parents for helping your children show up and for the extra practices at home. Thank you to Martha Gregory and Julie Chumbley for directing them!*

**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL Classes
	7:00 p.m.	Virlina District Stewardship Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study-Ruth 4
	6:30 p.m.	Youth
	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	ESL Classes
	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Youth  
Worship leader (12/12) Cooper Purcell

Nursery workers Alli Yingling & Rhonda Marcum  
Nursery workers (12/12) Julie Chumbley & Pam Connor

### Instrumentalists

Stephen Wills keyboard  
Joe Blaha recorder, hymn arranger  
Kathie Robinson flute  
Sam Phillips viola  
Shelly Haas bells

## PRAYER

Wayne Cook, congestive heart failure  
Dawn Thomas, kidney issues  
Doris Light, in hospice care  
Dan Brogan, home rehab for broken leg  
John King, home rehab for broken leg  
Morton Witt, melanoma  
Hollie Craighead Johnson, breast cancer  
Jane Wertz, returning home under hospice care

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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.



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.

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (11/28)

Sunday School - 33  
Worship - 87  
Received on 11/28 - \$15,225.00



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