



Oak Grove
Church of the Brethren
November 27, 2022

Hanging of the Greens
First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Still, Still, Still

arr. Pethel

Welcome and Announcements

Joys and Concerns

CHANGING THE PARAMENTS

Mike and Sharon Hanger

Brittany and Nathan, Harper, Jack Frantz;

Agnes Chen and Bryan Hanger

Today marks the beginning of a new church year.

Purple, the color for penitence and royalty,

is used to mark the seasons of Advent,

the time of preparation before Christmas.

Like the cycles of the church year,

we are reminded that God is the first and last,

the Alpha and the Omega,

the beginning and the end.

He is our bright Morning Star.

May we prepare our hearts and minds

for the coming of a Savior into our world today.

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***Advent carol**

Make Way

insert

(Choir, then Congregation)

3044

Make Way, Make Way

G Am7 D G/B Am7 D G

1. Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splen - dor ar - rives.
 2. He comes the bro - ken hearts to heal, the pris - oners to free.

5 G Am7 D G Am7 D G

Fling wide the gates and wel - come him in - to your lives.
 The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

Refrain

Part 1 9 G D/F# Em7 G/D

Make way, make way for the

Part 2

Make way, make way

11 C D Am7 D G D/F#

King of kings. Make way, make

for the King of kings. Make way,

14 Em7 G/D C D7 G

way and let his king - dom in.

make way and let his king - dom in.

WORDS: Graham Kendrick
 MUSIC: Graham Kendrick; descant by Sharon Bradimore

MAKE WAY
 86.84 with Refrain

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Eowyn, Isaac, Donovan Hernandez

Kirsten Lubbs-Robinson and Keith, Gavin, Graeme Robinson

Voice 1: “Come, let us go up to the mountain, to the house of God, so that we can be taught God’s way and go on God’s path.” (Isaiah 2:3–5 paraphrase)

Voice 2: *What do you hope for in the new world?*

**All: We hope for a future that is more amazing than anything we could ever imagine.
We hope for the healing of creation.
We hope for good mental health and wellness.
We hope for a world where everyone seeks the good.**

Voice 2: *Advent is the beginning of this new world, a better world, where we can dare to hope boldly.*

Voice 1: May it be so.

All: Amen.

The Advent candle of *hope* is lit.

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, as the Advent season begins, we cry out to you. We come to you looking for hope. When everything else we rely on fails us, our only hope is in you. When we do not understand what has happened, we hope in you. We can hope for better days because we trust you. We know you and we know you are here with us no matter what we are facing. Some of us see only darkness this time of year. Some of us find life overwhelming. Some of us are filled with Advent joy. Wherever we find ourselves today, Loving God, remind us that our hope is in you. Be with us on this journey. Amen.

*Advent carol

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

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178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL 87. 87D

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus! born to set thy
peo - ple free, from our fears and sins re - lease us,
let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, dear de -
sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Come, thou long-expected Jesus". It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

HANGING THE WREATHS

Ann, Amelia, Connor Hosey
Garland and Rena' Brown; Michelle, Eli Raymond

How shall we make this place a reminder of our need of repentance, and that faithfulness and integrity comes from God our maker and redeemer?

Let us hang garlands and wreaths as Hosea speaks the word of God.

Scripture

Hosea 14:8-9

I will heal my people's disloyalty;
I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from them.

O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols?
It is I who answer and look after you.

I am like an evergreen cypress;
your faithfulness comes from me.

Those who are wise understand these things;
those who are discerning know them.

For the ways of the LORD are right,
and the upright walk in them,
but transgressors stumble in them.

***Advent carol**

O Come, O come, Immanuel

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PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Advent

172 O come, O come, Immanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain



1 O come, O come, Im - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
5 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
6 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one



1 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
5 far and nigh. To us the path of knowl - edge
6 heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels



1 here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
5 show, and cause us in thy ways to go.
6 cease. Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Im - man -

u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Text: anonymous, ca. 6th-7th c., *Veni, veni Emmanuel*, 12th c.; tr. John M. Neale (Sts. 1-4), *Medieval Hymns and Sequences*, 1851, Henry Sloane Coffin (Sts. 5-6), *Hymns of the Kingdom of God*, 1916

Music: Trope melody, 15th c.

DECORATING THE TREE

Bill and Carolyn Broyles

Alli and Scott, Lincoln, Gemma Yingling

Carol, Amanda and Harvey, Rachel, Stephen, Jaxson Leddy;

Becca and Dominique, Aria Duncan

God, the Holy One of Israel, is a God of comfort and compassion. With the Christmas tree we remember God's everlasting promises to the poor and needy. Isaiah spoke of God's making the wilderness a place of blessing where water and plants—even pine trees—would manifest God's loving action to save and provide.

Place the tree, strong friends, as we hear God's word.

Scripture

Isaiah 41:17-20

When the poor and needy seek water,
and there is none,
and their tongue is parched with thirst,
I the LORD will answer them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
I will open rivers on the bare heights,
and fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
and the dry land springs of water.
I will put in the wilderness the cedar,
the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive;
I will set in the desert the cypress,
the plane and the pine together,
so that all may see and know,
all may consider and understand,
that the hand of the LORD has done this,
the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Choir

Alleluia for Advent

Liebergen

Children's Time Children Sing

Meaning of Chrismons
Soon and Very Soon

Lynette Harvey
Andrae Crouch

*Carol

O little town of Bethlehem
(Friendship Class vs. 1-3; congregation vs. 4)

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191 O little town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS 86. 86. 76. 86

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray,

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of the heav'n's.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day!

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell.

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868, *The Church Porch ...*, 1874
Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868, *The Church Porch ...*, 1874

Scripture

Numbers 21:4-9 (OT # 116)

John 3:14-17 (NT # 94)

Message

Hope Lifted Up

OFFERING

Chris and Morgan, Barnes Taylor
The Coffee Club Class - Ushers

God, whose generosity in love extends beyond all our expectations and shatters any limits we would place on grace, calls us to

share our bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into our house; to clothe the naked, and not hide ourselves from our own kin. (Isaiah 58:7)

As a people shaped by God's generosity, we worship Jesus this Advent season through the sharing of our regular offerings and through the special offerings of postage stamps and cards for those in prison, along with mittens and hats for those with cold hands.

Receive these offerings, Jesus, as a sign of our commitment to you.

Offertory carol *Angels, we have heard on high*

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197 Angels we have heard on high

GLORIA 77. 77 with refrain

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing.
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove.

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, glo - -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

NATIVITY CHARACTERS

The first witnesses to Jesus' coming birth
Ronald, Rex Robinson, Holly Belcher
Maggie and Vincent Pizzullo

Our nativity characters remind us that faith is not just a destination, it is a journey, something we live out each day of our lives. As we add these characters to our worship space

**remind us, O God, to each day continue walking in your ways,
growing closer to you each step of the way.**

Carol

Joy to the World

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(Seekers Sunday School Class, vs. 1-3; Congregation, vs. 4)

318 Joy to the world
ANTIOCH CM extended

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and
play while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re -
ground. He comes to make his bless - ings flow far
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Benediction

Children's Response *Carry the Light* (Children, then Congregation)

insert

*Postlude

Carry the Light

The musical score for "Carry the Light" is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various chords (C, Am, F, G, Em) and a repeat sign with first and second endings. The lyrics are: "Car-ry the light as I go, — car-ry the light as you go, — car-ry the light — as we go, — fill the world with glad - ness. fill the world with joy. May the light of Christ with - in — us — bright-en up — this world. — Car-ry the light! — Car - ry the light. —"

C Am C
Car-ry the light as I go, — car-ry the light

Am C Am
as you go, — car-ry the light — as we go, —

¹F G ²F
fill the world with glad - ness. fill the world with

G Em Am
joy. May the light of Christ with - in — us —

F G C
bright-en up — this world. — Car-ry the light! —

F C F G C
Car - ry the light. —

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
	7:30 p.m.	Youth Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Project WARM
	1:00 p.m.	David Shumate Retirement Celebration
	4:00 p.m.	Coffee Club Taffy Pull
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Church Board
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Christmas Dinner

PRAYER

Dennis Shearer, recovery from chemo
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
John King, at home
Misty King, heart surgery recovery
Gladis Lehman, congestive heart failure
Gil and Vada Henshaw, covid
Tess Anderson, vertigo
Betty Phillips, pain in back and legs
Janet Hartman, recovering from shoulder surgery

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday School- 45
Worship- 78 (in person); 10 (online) = 88
Received 11/20- \$ 2,984.00; \$ 1,066.00 (online)= \$ 4,050.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey
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Stephen Wills organ
Joe Blaha piano

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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.