

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren  
December 11, 2022  
Third Sunday of Advent

Chiming of the Hour

**Introit** *The First Noel*  
16<sup>th</sup> c. French carol/arr. Martha L. Thompson  
(Shelly Haas, bell soloist)

Welcome and Announcements

*Please sign the guest book at the end of the pew,  
then pass it on to the person next to you.*

**Prelude** *Angels, we have heard on high*  
French carol/arr. Martha L. Thompson  
(Diane Hollins and Joan Simpson, bell duet)

**\*Call to Worship** Kristin and Trenton Marcum  
*The congregation responds in bold.*

“The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting.” (Isaiah 35:1–2)

**What does joy feel like in the new world?**

*Joy feels like everlasting love.*

*Joy feels like the freedom to be  
who God created me to be.*

*Joy feels like sharing love and kindness.*

Advent is the beginning of this new world, a better world, where joy boldly bubbles up in unexpected places.

**May it be so.**

(Third Advent candle is lit.)

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

Too often, we think joy is something big, O God. A brass band or a parade can certainly bring us joy. Just as easily—and far more often—we feel joy in a hug or the squeeze of hand, we see joy in a smile or hear it in laughter. Help us to not overlook the simple joys that peak into our lives daily. This week in our Advent journey, open our eyes to the joy that surrounds us. Amen.

**\*Hymn** *Make Way, Make Way* insert

Children’s Story

Offering

**Call to Giving** *Break forth, O beauteous heavn’ly*  
**Offertory** *The Best Christmas Medley Ever* arr. Dare  
(Oak Grove Ringers)

Hearing God’s Word

**Scripture** Matthew 1:18-25 (NT, p. # 1)  
**Message** *Catching Joy*

**Song** *Dreaming of Eden* J. Cooper/K. Cooper  
(Mel Purcell, solo)

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** *Joy to the world* # 318

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE**

Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Handbells
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESI
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/ Christmas Music Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Caroling

**PRAYER**

Dennis Shearer, recovery from chemo  
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia  
John King, at home  
Misty King, heart surgery recovery  
Alice Foutz, recovering from stroke  
Jane Grisso, respiratory virus

*We would like thank our church family for the support we received during our illness through cards, phone calls and a visit from our Pastor and those wonderful intercessory prayers. -Gil and Vada*

## CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor Tim Harvey  
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Minister of Nurture and Music Carol Elmore  
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Worship leader Trenton and Kristin Marcum  
Worship leader (12/18) Morgan, Barnes Taylor

Nursery workers Pam Conner & Rhonda Marcum  
Nursery workers (12/18) Gloria Harmon


### Instrumentalists


Stephen Wills organ  
Joe Blaha piano  
Sam Phillips viola  
Kathie Robinson flute  
Ron Robinson string bass


Oak Grove Ringers: Eleanor Brogan, Susan Lindsey, Rena' Brown, Diane Hollins, Nancy Hylton, Andrea Milgrim, Joan Simpson, Shelly Haas, Diane Grant (director)


## CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE


 Find us on Facebook:  
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 Interested in supporting our mission and ministry financially? You may contribute via the Tithely app on your smartphone.


 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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ΙΧΘΥΣ = Greek for "Fish" and an acrostic representing Jesus

I = "Jesus"

X = "Christ"

Θ = "God"

Ψ = "Son"

Σ = "Savior"

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (12/4)

Sunday School- 35

Worship- 90 (in person); 14 (online) = 104

Received 12/4- \$ 4,560.00

## Make Way, Make Way



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.



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.