

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
December 15, 2024 • Third Sunday of Advent

Introit *Christmas is Coming* J. Raney
(Choir and Ringers: Sarah Ann Bowman, Diane Hollins,
Darlene Rayfield, Joan Simpson)

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Sing We Now of Christmas* Huron Carol
(Oak Grove Ringers)

***Call to Worship**

The congregation responds in bold.

Along redemption's quest, we find that we cannot make the journey on our own.

Loyal brothers and sisters offer their time, talent, and treasure to support us when we are weak and caution us when we run too far ahead. We depend on those God calls to join with us.

This broken world in which we serve God is not fair; there are those with great potential to accomplish mighty things for God who would benefit from those who would support the vision to which they have been called.

May we, like Joseph, dream of what God is really up to, and lend our lives to God's call.

We light this candle as a symbol of our availability, however God speaks to us.

Lighting the third Advent candle

***Prayer of Invocation**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and enable us to dream of possibilities others cannot imagine. We are sorely hindered by this world's brokenness and need all of us to commit to your work making all things new. Amen.

***Hymn** *It came upon a midnight clear* (vs. 1, 3, 5) # 195

Offering

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Offertory *He is Born* arr. Sherman

***Response** *Gloria* (refrain) # 197

Anthem *Joseph, Dearest, Joseph Mine* 14th c, German
(Oak Grove Ringers)

***Hymn** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* insert

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15, 19-23 (NT, p. 1)

Message *Redemption's Quest: Dream*

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** *While we are waiting, come* # 1032

***Benediction**

***Sending Song** *We Three Kings* (refrain) # 1045

***Postlude** ADESTE FIDELES Wade

**Please stand as you are able.*

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	5:00 p.m.	Caroling
Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	12:30 p.m.	Backpack
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Project WARM
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

PRAYER

Jonna Detweiler, cancer treatment
Rachel Mabe, battling cancer
Phyllis Meadows, Pheasant Ridge Nursing Center
Marge Montgomery, rehab at home
Lowell Foutz, heart issues
Dan Brogan, Lewis Gale Rehab
Tanya Pizzullo, cancer diagnosis
Rena' Brown, hip surgery recovery
Garland Brown, heart issues
Gil Henshaw, lung cancer

You will see several Nativity sets decorating our church. They are from the collection of Emma Jean Woodard. Please enjoy.

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Tim Harvey pastortim@oakgrovecob.org
Minister of Nurture and Music	Carol Elmore elmores24153@gmail.com
Worship leader	Trenton & Kristin Marcum
Worship leader (12/22)	John King & Monica Rich
Nursery (Infant)	Randall Eakin & Amanda Leddy
Nursery (Children)	Lisa Newell & Robin Craighead Cooper Purcell
Nursery (Infant-12/22)	Gloria Harmon
Nursery (Children-12/22)	Amanda & Jaxon Leddy Cooper Purcell
Head Usher	Bill Hall
Sound Booth	Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond
Church Closer	Mike Elmore
Church Closer (12/22)	Dave Jones
<u>Instrumentalists</u>	
Stephen Wills	organ
Joe Blaha	piano

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (12/8)

Sunday School- 44
Worship- 122 (in person); 21 (online) = 143
Men's Bible Study- 11
Offering- \$ 14,576.40; \$ 885.00 (online) = \$ 15,461.40

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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.



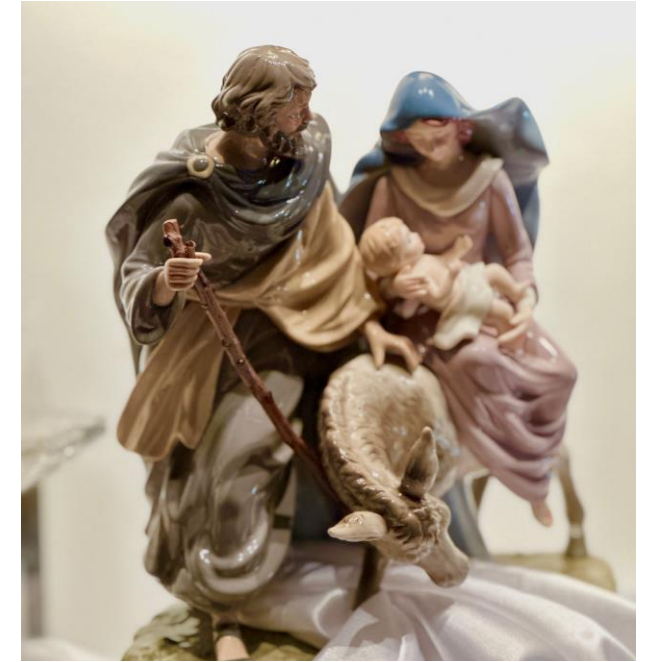
Need a hearing device, wheelchair, cushion, or have a question? Our head usher will be glad to be of assistance.



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.



REDEMPTION'S QUEST: AN ADVENT JOURNEY

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Handbell Choir:

Julie Hall

Susan Woodard

Becky Widdowson

Diane Hollins

Rosie Wood

Beth Shearer

Jill Mooney

Joan Simpson

Darlene Rayfield

Jenna Shipp

Sarah Ann Bowman

Handbell Director:

Sarah Ann Bowman