

Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
December 29, 2024
First Sunday after Christmas

*Calling-in Hymn *The first Noel* # 199

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prelude *Prelude For Christmas* arr. Ellison

*Call to Worship

The congregation responds in bold.

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

God has come to make a home among us!

Yet the story is not over. After his birth comes the ordinary practices of faith, with people looking on in wonder at the One sent to save.

In the ordinary and the mundane, God has come to make a home among us.

And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, we glimpse new possibilities, discovering anew just what God is up to in our midst.

In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

*Prayer of Invocation

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*Hymn *Good Christian friends, rejoice!* # 210

Children's Story

Carol Elmore

Offertory Prayer

As we offer our gifts to you, Holy One, may they join all creation in blessing and serving your people. Called to be your people, may we notice those who are forgotten and offer our lives and hearts to them. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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Offertory *What Child is This*
(Stephen Wills and Ron Robinson)

*Response *Gloria* (refrain) # 197

Anthem *A Spiritual Christmas* Tom Fetteke

Hearing from God's Word

Scripture Luke 2:25-35 (NT, p. 59)

Message *The light shines on after Christmas*

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 *What Child is this* # 215

*Benediction

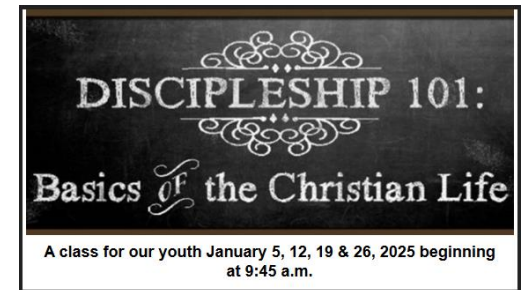
*Sending Song *We Three Kings* (refrain) # 1045

*Postlude *Bring a Torch, Jeanetta, Isabella* Charpentier
*Please stand as you are able.

THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Church Office Closed January 1, 2025.

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, Pheasant Ridge Nursing Center
Tanya Pizzullo, cancer diagnosis
Garland Brown, recovering at home
Rena' Brown, hip surgery recovery
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	Eli Raymond
Worship leader (1/5)	Jill Mooney
Nursery (Infant)	Joan Simpson
Nursery (Children)	Ellen Phillips & Anna Hosey Cooper Purcell
Nursery (Infant-1/5)	Joan Simpson
Nursery (Children-1/5)	Trenton & Kristin Marcum Cooper Purcell
Head Usher	Bill Hall
Sound Booth	Don Pizzullo, Evan Jacobs & Eli Raymond
Church Closer	Evan Jacobs
Church Closer (1/5)	Garland Brown
<u>Instrumentalists</u>	
Stephen Wills	organ
Joe Blaha	piano

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING (12/22)

Sunday School: 26
Worship: 121 (in person); 21 (online) = 142
Offering: \$ 4,650.00; \$ 417.74 (online) = \$ 5,067.74
Christmas Eve: Worship: 107 (in person); 23 (online) = 130

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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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