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seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.
Loving God...Changing Lives*



OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Nov. 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

10:45 am

We Gather in God's Name

Thoughts to Ponder

Jan Richardson

The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before ... What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you... So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.

Prelude

Nancy Hauser

Welcome and Announcements

Mary Koon

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Oslund Family

Opening Song No. 82 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**¹ Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.**

**² Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Opening Prayer

Hannah Ervin

Eternal source of hope and human destiny, keep us awake and give us sight to see the signs of your coming. Make us aware of your presence even as we hope and pray for your reign among us on earth. Be near to us, O God, we pray. AMEN.

We Listen to God's Word

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Britta Augdahl

Sending Song

"Near or Far"

J McKinnon

Near or far apart,
You're always in my heart.
God's love is here to stay,
Close and far away.

Resting in God's peace,
Praying for God's hope,
Serving God's joy,
United in God's love.

Anthem

Vocal Solo

Scripture

Isaiah 64:3-4
Mark 13:24-37

Mary Koon

Sermon

"Hope... in spite of..."

Mary Koon

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Mary Koon

We Respond to God's Word

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Mary Koon

Offering Music

Vocal Solo

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creature here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication

Britta Augdahl

Faithful God, we show our reverence with music and art, money and serving, with prayers and promises. Receive what we give, that it might heal your world and draw us more deeply into your presence. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is our hope. AMEN.

We Go Out in God's Name

Closing Song No. 94 "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"

¹ Now the heavens start to whisper,
as the veil is growing thin.
Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within:
seed of promise, deeply planted,
child to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frostline,
hearts grow soft to welcome him.

² Heavy clouds that block the moonlight
now begin to drift away.
Diamond brilliance through the darkness
shines the hope of coming day.

Christ, the morning star of splendor,
gleams within a world grown dim.
Heaven's ember fans to fullness;
hearts grow warm to welcome him.

³ Christ, eternal Sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance
hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger,
in the outcast, hid from view:
child who comes to grace the manger,
teach our hearts to welcome you.

Benediction

Mary Koon

Sending Song No. 26 "Earth and All Stars"

¹ Earth and all stars!
Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain!

Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!

Postlude

Nancy Hauser



Participants in worship today include:

Soloist: **Hannah Ervin**;

Organist: **Nancy Hauser** | Pianist: **Judy Cooper**;

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Greg Johnson** and **Chris Diller**.

Chancel flowers are given by **Jane Propsom**,
in *honor of her daughters*, and **Sharon Nolte**,
in *memory of her mother, Margaret DeHart Kirk*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour: Join host Larry Klueh Sundays at Noon. Please zoom in to enjoy one another's company and catch up in a relaxed (virtual) way! Join the Zoom meeting at: <https://bit.ly/3nTMrCr>. Use Meeting ID: 896 8075 0816 and Passcode: 323213. For audio only, call 1-312-626-6799 and use the Meeting ID and passcode.

Wednesday's WoW!

Each group will meet at 6:30 via Zoom:

Children of all ages: <https://bit.ly/3l0Blct>

Adults, Pastor Anne invites you to join at: <https://bit.ly/2Gh8wtX>. Use Meeting ID: 897 3898 8374 and Passcode: oakgrove. For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the Meeting ID and passcode.

Alternative Christmas Market

This year our Alternative Christmas market has come to you in the comfort of your own home. If you have yet to receive your Alternative Christmas Market Booklet, contact the church office 952-888-4621. Please peruse the booklet to find ways you can give gifts of life to others. Send your order form and payment to the church by Dec. 1.

2021 Calendar and Greeting Card Donation: Nov. 23–Dec. 4

If you have extra calendars and greeting cards from non-profit organizations you support, please consider donating them. The Supportive Housing Committee will deliver them to senior citizens living in low-income affordable housing units owned and operated by AEON, the non-profit developer Oak Grove has generously supported the past several year. Simply drop off your items at church during office hours and place in the clearly marked blue plastic bin. They will be greatly appreciated by AEON's residents.

Light a Candle: Send us a picture of you and your household holding lit candles to sqjerset@oakgrv.org by **Dec. 21** for it to be in the Christmas Eve montage.

Chancel Flower Sign-up for 2021! We will continue to have colorful arrangements for our Sunday worship services, virtual or in-person. Select a date in memory of or in honor of a loved one, group or event. The cost is \$30 due at sign-up. Contact Sharon Fields at 952-831-0504 (a landline) or urbanfields2.1@q.com to sign up and reserve your special date.