

*We are a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith
seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.
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**OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Dec. 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent: Love

10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Piano/Organ duet

Welcome & Announcements

Bart Roush & Mary Koon

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Greg & Linda Johnson

Reader: Love is the answer to every important question we ask. We wait and watch for love to transform our world and grow our hearts. Jesus, Emmanuel, is that love made flesh.

When she discovers that she will bear Jesus, Mary sings her song:
(Luke 1: 46b–50)

“My soul magnifies the Lord,⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.”

In a year filled with frustrations and constant change, we can have love because God is with us. We light the candle of love.

Hymn: “While We Are Waiting, Come”
(in-person, please refrain from singing)

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**With love and comfort, come; with love and comfort, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, with love and comfort, come.**

Let us pray:

During this holy season of Advent, bring love to this beautiful and brutal world. God of love, we seek you. We seek you in all that we meet, in our every word and action. May your love fill our hearts and grace our lips so that we might reflect your love for all the world.

Opening Song “Savior of the Nations, Come” 102
(in-person, please refrain from singing)

**¹ Savior of the nations, come;
virgin’s son, make here your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.**

**³ Now your manger, shining bright,
hallows night with newborn light.
Night cannot this light subdue;
let our faith shine ever new.**

**² From God’s heart the Savior speeds;
back to God his pathway leads;
out to vanquish death’s command,
back to reign at God’s right hand.**

**⁴ Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin’s son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally.**

We Listen for God’s Word

Children’s Time Bart Roush, Mary Koon & Kate Lindberg

Sending Song “People, Look East” 105
(in-person, please refrain from singing)

³ Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Anthem “Child of the Poor/What Child is This”

Scripture Isaiah 61 Bart Roush
(NT: p. 691 | LPNT: p. 846)

Message Bart Roush

Prayers of the People Mary Koon & Kate Lindberg

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father* in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**Other options include Creator or Mother*

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
(in-person, please refrain from singing)

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¹ O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

² Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.

O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

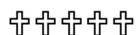
³ You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.

Benediction

Bart Roush

Postlude

Piano/Organ duet
(As you exit the sanctuary, please be mindful of distancing.)



Additional participants in worship today include:

Vocalists: **Karen Gerdes & Eugene Orr;**

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Pierce Flanagan, Greg Johnson & Gordon Goodwin**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation: Sunday, Dec. 19 (11:15 am to Noon)

Please join us for interesting and informative presentations designed to expand our minds and grow our faith. Rev. Emily Myers from the Ministry Lab will talk about grief during the holiday.

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://bit.ly/3yS9v93>

Meeting ID: 871 4123 8835 | Passcode: 383326

For audio only, call 312-626-6799 and use the ID and Passcode.

Adult Faith Formation will take a break on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

Special Offering: Christmas Joy (Nov. 28–Dec. 19)

The Christmas Joy Offering reflects that God is with us, through the generous gifts that support church leaders among us, retired, present and future, who have pointed us to God. You can help by sending your check to Oak Grove Presbyterian Church and specify Christmas Joy on the memo line. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Thanks for your consideration!

Singles Fellowship Potluck & Games: Saturday, Jan. 1 (4:00 pm)

We will gather at Iris Karow's house (6001 Timberglade Dr) for a time to relax with friends, food and games. Bring a dish to share. **Vaccinations required**; masks are optional. No RSVP is needed. Questions? Contact Iris (612-710-6009).

2022 Women's Retreat: Jan. 14–16, 2022

Please join us for the Oak Grove Presbyterian Women's Retreat, "*Relax, Refresh, Recharge*" with special guest speaker Jacque Fletcher, at Clearwater Forest. Pre-registration (www.surveymonkey.com/r/76SNQSN) and full vaccination plus booster required.

Questions? Contact Sue Greimel (612-805-2896 or sue.greimel@gmail.com).

Please note, the church office will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 (starting at noon) through Monday, Jan. 3 for the holidays.