

*We are a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith
seeking to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with our God.
Loving God... Changing Lives!*



**OAK GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Jan. 2, 2022

2nd Sunday of Christmas

10:15 am

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Becky Dop

We look to the past with gratitude,

We look to the future with hope.

We have been through a difficult year,

We remember that God is present with us, now.

As we prepare for resolutions and renewal,

May we seek a new understanding of ourselves.

May we seek a deeper relationship with God,

Turning to Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us worship God!

Opening Song

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”
(in-person, please refrain from singing)

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**¹ What star is this, with beams so bright,
more lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
glad tidings of our God to bring.**

**² 'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
“From Jacob shall a star proceed”;
and lo! the eastern sages stand
to read in heaven the Lord's command.**

**³ While outward signs the star displays,
an inward light the Lord conveys
and urges them, with tender might,
to seek the giver of the light.**

**⁴ O Jesus, while the star of grace
impels us on to seek your face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse
the guidance of your light to use.**

Opening Prayer

Becky Dop

We confess, O God, that it is hard to be hopeful when there is so much pain and sorrow in the world. We confess, O God, that we keep our heads down and fail to envision where you are at work in our world and lives in a new way. We fail to perceive you, even as you are revealed to the world.

Be revealed to us, O God, in new and uplifting ways. May hope and joy be revealed to us long after the ornaments and lights are put away for another year. May your justice, mercy, and love be revealed to us when we so desperately need it. Be revealed in our hearts, O God, so that we might break open your light into the world. In Jesus' name, we pray that all things will be revealed. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Becky Dop

As the magi revealed Christ to the world, God's love is revealed in us by others who love us. Let yourself be loved. Let yourself be cared for. Let yourself break down and cry when you need to. Let others lift you up.

We know God's love in the words of assurance from friends, the listening ear, the shoulder to cry on. We know God's love is with us when we love one another and care for others as well. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Sending Song

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"
(in-person, please refrain from singing)

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¹ We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

***Refrain:* O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

Anthem

"The Carol of the Star"

Scripture

Matthew 2:1–12
(NT: p. 2 | LPNT: p. 2)

Message

Sacrament of Communion

(The Juice is non-alcoholic)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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*

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer following Communion

We Go Forth in God's Name

Closing Song

"As with Gladness Men of Old"
(in-person, please refrain from singing)

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**¹ As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.**

**⁴ Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.**

Benediction

Postlude

*An offering plate is available as people exit the sanctuary
and please be mindful of distancing.*



Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastor: **Rev. Dr. Bart Roush**;

Vocalists: **Becky Dop, Anne Klueh & CeCe Klueh**;

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

Sound, Light, Video: **Randy Dop, Greg Johnson & Gordon Goodwin**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation: returns Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

Will You Answer the Call?

Oak Grove is looking for congregation members to fill the following open positions of leadership within our church body:

- 1 Elder to fulfill a term with 2 years remaining
- 1 Deacon to fulfill a term with 2 years remaining
- 1 Deacon to fulfill a 3-year term

If you know of someone with these gifts and would like to nominate them or yourself, please call Karen Alonzi at 952-829-5429 or call the church office. Thank you!!!

Oak Grove Rainbow Fellowship

The Rainbow Fellowship group hopes to reconvene in the new year and will draw on new energy, particularly from youth elder, Kylie Borchardt. Keep a lookout in the newsletter and the bulletin for opportunities to meet and plan again.

**Please note, the church office will be closed Monday, Jan. 3
in observance of New Year's Day.**