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OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dec. 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 am



A Thought to Ponder (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Human beings are not property. On the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, let us reaffirm the inherent dignity of all men, women and children. And let us redouble our efforts so that the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – ‘no one shall be held in slavery or servitude’ – ring true.”

– Kofi Annan (1938–2018), Ghanaian diplomat and former Secretary General to the United Nations

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Kay Lancette & Bev Noble

When we look around, we recognize that war, violence, and injustice are present in our world.

Because hatred is still so strong, because so many swords have not yet been beaten into plowshares, we light a candle of peace... *(the candle is lit)*

May the light from this candle overwhelm the world...

May the light from this candle say to all that God's peace is coming on earth as it already is in heaven...

People of God, be not afraid, God's peace is at hand...

*Opening Hymn

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

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*Prayer of Confession

Sandy Crum

God of Preparation, you have been preparing for us since before the world began. Your intentions for us are good and have always been. We confess that our shortsightedness means that we often miss you at work in our world and in our lives. We focus on things that are fleeting, that slip through our grasp, instead of grounding ourselves in your intentions for us: to love one another and care for the earth you made.

In this season of preparation, as we prepare for Christmas and the New Year, help us not to lose sight of what you have prepared for us: a new heaven and earth, a new life that begins now. In the name of the One who came and is coming again into our world and lives in a new way, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

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God is a God of Beginnings. There is always time for a fresh start, a turning back, a breaking open to something new.

God is with us now, guiding us into the newness of this life.

Embrace God's ever-expanding love, and know that we are forgiven, and have new life in Christ.

***Passing of the Peace**

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Let us greet one another as new beings, reconciled to God and one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. (*Exchange the peace with those around you.*)

We Listen for God's Word

Time for the Young & Young at Heart

Hymn of Response "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" (vss 1 & 4) 378

Scripture Isaiah 11:1–9 (OT: p. 640 | LPOT: p. 784)

Message

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory "Come, Lord Jesus, Dwell Among Us" *arr. Lloyd Larson*

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of grace, we offer you our treasure and our lives. Use them to bring hope, peace, joy and justice to all who have need in a weary world. We pray in the name of Jesus, our brother, Amen.

Christmas Carol Communion

Communion will be by intinction. Please come forward to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat. The juice is non-alcoholic. Gluten free is available as well.

The Preface (*Adeste Fideles; O Come, All Ye Faithful*)

The Lord be with you

And with you, God's servant

Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord

**With hearts uplifted, thanks to God we render; in gratefulness implore
God, with thankful hearts adore God, with thankful hearts adore God
evermore!**

Great Thanksgiving (*tune: Good King Wenceslas*)

**Blessing, honor, glory, power unto God almighty. Praise to you eternal
Lord, giver of all mercy. Long ago you made us Lord, made us in your
image. But through sin we broke the form, of our God within us.**

**Still your love came shining through from heaven you did send us,
Christ to take on human flesh, here to live among us. He did suffer for
our sin, died a death most cruel. Now he lives and reigns in heaven,
as its brightest jewel.**

**We the church on earth do sing, with the hosts of heaven. Glory to the
one who died, for he has arisen. The baby born at Bethlehem is the King
of heaven. And we praise your blessed name with the song unending.**

The Song of Praise (*tune: Angels We Have Heard on High*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, all praise be given! All your glory
fills the earth, all your power fills the heavens. Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Blessed is the One who came, bringing love and light divine. Blessed
is the One who comes, in the bread and in the wine. Gloria, in excelsis
Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Words of Institution (*tune: Good Christian Friends Rejoice*)

Pastor: Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
On the night he was betrayed, Jesus to the Father prayed:

Choir: *Bless this bread we are to eat, let it bring forgiveness sweet.
My body dwells there in, My body dwells there in.*

Pastor: Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice.
Next he took the blessed cup, praying as he raised it up:

Choir: *In the wine forever more is the way to Heaven's door. My love
poured out for you, My love poured out for you.*

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

The Lord's Prayer (*tune: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*)

**God our Parent, God of fame, Hallowed be your saving name;
Everywhere your kingdom come, far away from here at home; May
we to your will comply as the angels do on high; Grant that we, our
sin's forgiv'n, follow in the way of heav'n. Grant that we, our sin's
forgiv'n, follow in the way of heav'n.**

**May we even at our worst, show forgiveness shown us first. Guard us
from the tempting devil, and deliver us from evil. Yours the kingdom so
sing we, pow'r and glory ever be. Unto you while ages run. Yea, Amen!
So be it done! Unto you while ages run. Yea, Amen! So be it done!**

Song following Communion (*tune: Away in a Manger*)

**Lord, now in your mercy your servants release. As your word has
promised, Oh, Grant us your peace. Our eyes, your salvation and
mercy behold, prepared for the nations as prophets foretold.**

**A light to the Gentiles, by whom they now see The glory of Isr'el the
Promised one be. Who lives now and ever, the heaven's bright Son,
With Father and Spirit, eternally one.**

We Go Forth in God's Name

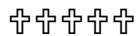
***The Benediction** (*Adeste Fideles; O Come, All Ye Faithful*)

The Lord bless and keep you, look with love upon you, be gracious, and cause God's face to shine with peace!

**Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! The Savior close beside us,
God's love from harm to hide us, the Spirit's pow'r to guide us evermore!**

Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastors: **Bart Roush & Mary Koon;**

Advent Candle Lighters: **Kay Lancette & Bev Noble** | Liturgist: **Sandy Crum;**

Violinist: **Emily Lassiter** | Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen;**

Vocalists: **Chancel Choir** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Bob Gerdes, Randy Dop & Cece Klueh;**

Volunteer Custodian: **Bob Heise;**

Chancel flowers are given by **Sue LaPointe,**

in *memory* of *husband Ron* and in *honor* of *daughters Pam & Lisa,*

and **Jane & LeRoy Horn**, in *recognition* of *World AIDS Day,* and in

memory of *Joe Petersen, Dennis Cossey, Parker Horn & John Howard.*



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Retreat: Jan. 20–22, 2023 (note the date change)

Please join us for the Oak Grove Presbyterian Women's Retreat, "*Rest and Resilience*" with special guest speaker Jacque Fletcher, at Clearwater Forest.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3VhsA0j>.

Accommodations: Leaning Tree Lodge (two to a room) and semi-private baths, bedding and towels included. Cost is \$120, but some scholarship funds are available. Please indicate if your attendance depends on this assistance. Questions? Contact Sue Greimel (612-805-2896 or sue.greimel@gmail.com).

Men's Fellowship at Zeke's: Tuesday, Dec. 6 (noon)

Join us for "Burgers 'n' Brew" the first Tuesday of the month at Zeke's Place (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd). This event pairs young(er) and old(er) men for a time of fellowship while enjoying lunch. Pick up someone who needs a ride and develop new friendships. Questions? Contact Jim McCarl at 952-948-2991.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study: Tuesday, Dec. 6 (6:00 pm)

The Evening Star Circle meets the first Tuesday of the month and is led by Connie Nesbitt. For the month of December, we will meet at the home of Paula Uvodich.

Presbyterian Women is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, get to know other people at church. Mary Pol, Bart Roush and Mary Koon will facilitate the study! New members are always welcome!

From the Sanctuary Guild

The Sanctuary Guild would like to display your crèches again this year. If you have a special one that you would like to share, please bring it to the church office the first week of December. Be sure your name is on your crèche.

Pageant Practice and Parent Day Out: Saturday, Dec. 10 (9:30 am – Noon)

Children 3 years – 5th grade are invited to join us for pageant practice. Children will dress for their roles in the pageant and then join the Deacons for craft making, baking, stories, and lunch.

This is a wonderful opportunity to take some time apart, and let the Deacons nurture our little ones! Please contact Mary if your child(ren) can attend!

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Oak Rovers:

Saturday, Jan. 14 (3:00 pm)

Join us at the Ames Center (12600 Nicollet Ave, Burnsville 55337) to see *“Plowing Thru by the Church Basement Ladies.”* We have reservations for 20 people but can accommodate more. Tickets are \$36 (cash or check) and we will carpool from church at 2:00 pm. Sign up at church on Dec. 4 or Dec. 11. Questions? Call Patsy Fisk (952-977-9900).

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are delighted to have paid nursery staff again at Oak Grove! We continue to have need for some additional volunteer support. If you (or your youth over 13) are willing and able to help care for our little ones once a month during worship, please contact Mary. An extra set of hands and eyes are helpful and share our value of nurturing our littlest ones! Thank you in advance.

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

**Welcome, Oak Grove
members and visitors, we're
glad you're here!**

We are proud to be a Matthew 25, Green Care and More Light Congregation.

The congregation of Oak Grove values its roots that go back more than 150 years, even as we follow the movement of the Spirit into new ways of being and doing.

We always welcome your suggestions.

The Sunday's Greeter:

Carol Osweiler



Prayer Requests

Please contact the church office to let us know when you have new requests or updates for family and friends, or when a death occurs so we can support and care for you or your loved one.

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