

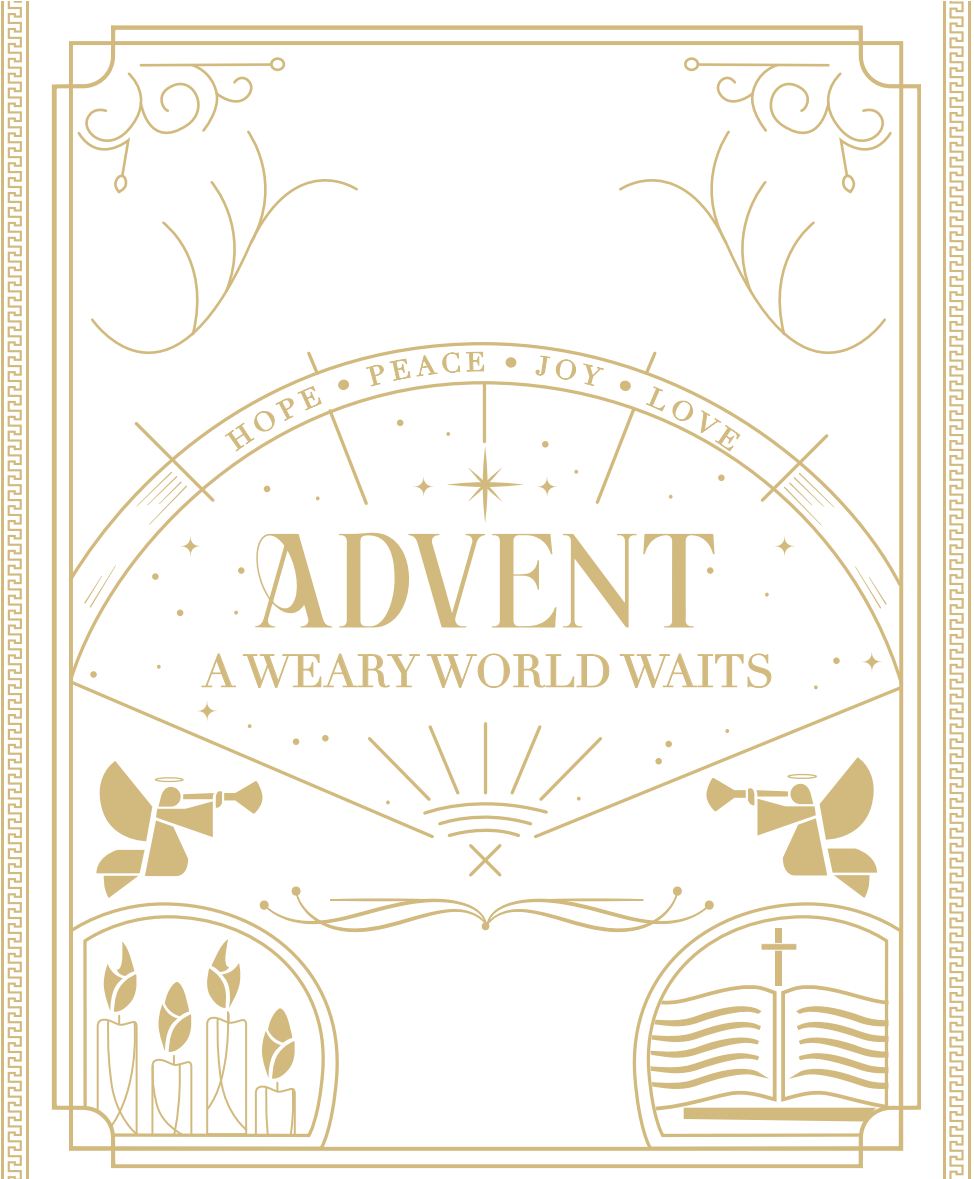


LAKE GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Real. Active. Faith.

Partnering with Christ who transforms the world one life at a time



**DECEMBER 15TH | 9:30 AM
SANCTUARY**

***Welcome to Worship on this
Third Sunday in Advent!***

Waiting is one of the historical Advent themes. The prophets waited for the birth of the Messiah. We wait for his return. We acknowledge that we live in a world that is weary for many reasons. We pray that our time of waiting and worshipping God together will be a source of joy for us all.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**please stand if able*

Prelude

In Quiet Joy by Franz Liszt

Welcome

Church Alive

Advent Candle Lighting

Advent III: Joy

Peter & Monica DeLuca, Michael, Marisa, Cora, Quinn & Luke McCormick

One: Advent is a season for dreaming.

All: We are challenged to dream impossible dreams!

One: God speaks through Isaiah, filling us with joy at the prospect of our world being renewed, restored, made bountiful and beautiful again.

All: For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the glaciers will thicken, and the rainforests will not be burned.

One: Dreaming that dream, we light this candle of JOY.

All: We walk toward our dreams in the light of the Lord.

One: Let us worship God, in whom all things are possible!

*Hymn 143

Angels from the Realms of Glory

*Prayer of Adoration

Anthem *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born*

*While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light*

*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
Tell it, go tell it
Tell it on the mountain*

*Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn*

*Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
Tell it, go tell it
Tell it on the mountain
Oh come Emmanuel
He's the Prince of Peace
Following the star, oh
Go and tell it, tell it to the world!*

arr. Jeff Wood #207039

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*Hymn 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayers of God's People & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Scripture

Isaiah 12:1-6 (NSRV)

¹You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Next week's passage: Micah 2:2-5a; Luke 1:39-45

Sermon

Living Water Brings Joy
Pastor Graig Flach

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Joyful Joyful

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Hail thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!*

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
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Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

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***Hymn 134**

Joy to the World

***Benediction**

Postlude

Gloria by Michael Bedford

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preaching: Pastor Graig Flach

Assisting: Rev. Dr. Jeannine Graham

Musicians: Hope and Peace Choirs directed by Abigail Krawson; Pam Baker, soloist; Jeff Wood, organ & piano

A/V Production: Mark Alcalá, Selena Li

This Week's Lectionary Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

For pastoral and congregational care needs email
care@lakegrovepres.org, or leave a message in the Pastors'
voicemail box at 503-210-6062.

Let's connect! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for *Beanediction*, our coffee and fellowship ministry, after each service.

Embracing the Future: Stewardship 2025 Update



We continue to be so grateful for your commitment to investing in God's work financially, and we are getting closer to our goal for 2025! To date, we have received **363** pledges (400+ pledges goal) in the amount of **\$1.969M**, which means we are so close to reaching our baseline budget goal. If you have not done so, would you prayerfully consider pledging and help us get to the finish line? Pledges help us plan for 2025 and beyond. You may submit your pledge online by scanning the QR code, dropping off your pledge card at the church, or via the mail.

LGPC Prays

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. It is a vital connection to God where we can hear from, listen to, and respond to the Lord. Here are some ways you can pray this week...

Comfort for **Alex & Gretchen Sabo** as they grieve the death of Alex's daughter, **Claire**, on Nov 29.

Comfort for the family of **Marc Smith**, as they mourn his passing on November 26th. A memorial will be held at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church on December 19th at 1pm.

Flowers in the Sanctuary were given in loving memory of **Doug Fogg & Carole Mc Nerney**.

Mission Partners

Local: Manna Ministry – Pray for new volunteers to gather donations each week to help fill crucial food needs in our community. Pray for those in need of this blessing.

Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter Ministry (LOTSM) – For the families served by LOTSM as they move toward self-sufficiency. Pray for another person or two from Lake Grove with a heart for supporting people working toward self-sufficiency.

If you would like to receive or be included on the weekly churchwide prayer chain, please email: prayer@lakegrovepres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Longest Night

SERVICE

December 15th • 2-3pm

Courtyard Room

A sacred service in the courtyard room for those in grief

Lake Grove Concert Series Presents

24th Annual

BELLS AND BRASS

Concert

Sunday, Dec 22nd 5:30 & 7:30 PM

Free Concert Featuring Lake Grove's Covenant Bell Choir, with Members of the Oregon Symphony Brass & Percussion.

CHRISTMAS EVE

AT LAKE GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2:30PM Family • 3:30PM Modern

5:00PM & 7:00PM Traditional

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CHRISTMAS EVE *Special Offering*

BENEFITTING

Each Child Counts

An organization that provides free education, food, clothing, and support to children in Liberia.

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven!
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



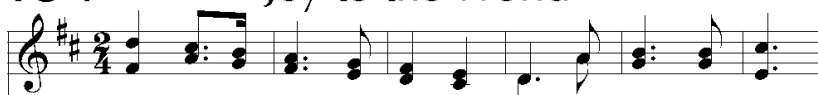
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

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Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -



her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.