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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 4TH | 9:30 AM
SANCTUARY

Welcome to the Second Sunday of Christmastide!

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

Isaiah 9:2

Jesus Christ is our life and light!

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**please stand if able*

Prelude

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
by Dietrich Buxtehude*

Welcome

Church Alive

*Call to Worship

One: The Magi followed the star, expecting something wondrous.

All: Searching for a king, they found a baby in a manger.

One: And like an epiphany, the baby's divinity and royalty were revealed.

All: They recognized Him as Savior and Lord.

One: We will meet our Savior and Lord at His sacramental table today.

All: Let us worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

*Hymn 150

As With Gladness Men of Old

*Prayer of Adoration

Anthem *Kingsfold*

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Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being,
Whose face is obscured for us by our own sins, and Whose
mercy we forget in the blindness of our own hearts:**

**We ask forgiveness for all our transgressions, both conscious
and unconscious sins.**

**Please cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from
proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and
humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults,
confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and our
strength through Jesus Christ Your Son.**

(continue in personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response Hymn 121

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 511

Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven

Prayers of God's People

Scripture

Luke 4:14-30 NRSVue

¹⁴Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region.

¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and

found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Next week's passage: John 2:1-11

Sermon

Jesus Goes Home
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 O Holy Night

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*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Communion

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.

*Benediction

Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
by Dietrich Buxtehude

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preaching: Pastor Graig Flach

Assisting: Pastor Susan Graham

Musicians: Kat Riley, Chris Rohde, Isabelle Rohde, Ka Ki Rohde, Stephanie Rohde, Aaron Waite, *Covenant Bells Ensemble*; Jeff Wood, *organ & piano*

A/V Production: Mark Alcala, Spencer Hadduck

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.

LGPCPrays

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 the family of **Rod Gilbert**. His memorial will be held Saturday, January 10th at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Comfort for the family of **Bryan Gilbert** who passed away December 23rd.

Comfort for the family of **Monica Mincheff Chilcote** who passed away December 24th.

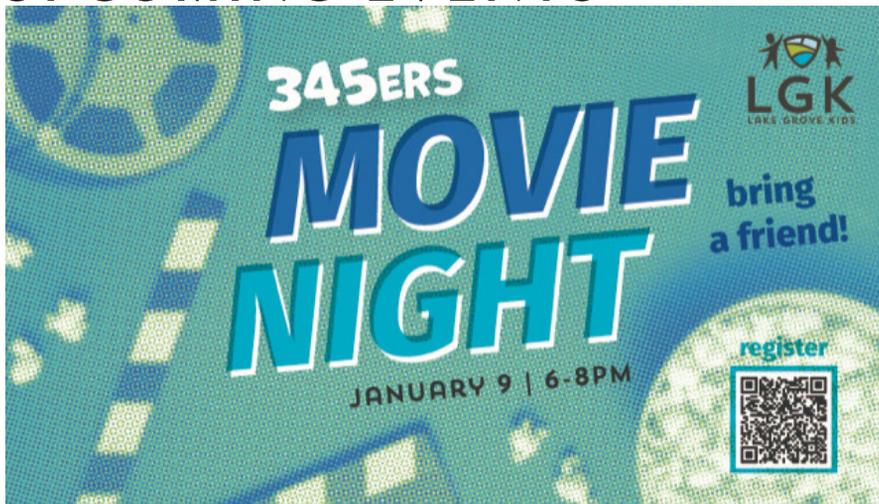
MissionPartners

Local: Portland Rescue Mission - Praise God for the various ministries of the PRM in the ongoing services to the hungry and the houseless. Pray for continued safety of the unsheltered during the colder and wetter winter months and that the love of Christ flows through the PRM Staff.

Global: Senegal - Pray for the continued proclamation of the Gospel to the citizens of Senegal through our three ministry partners. Pray that those served by our partners can feel the love of Christ through their acts of service.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



345ERS
MOVIE NIGHT
JANUARY 9 | 6-8PM

LGK
LAKE GROVE KIDS

bring a friend!

register



brunch &
BINGO
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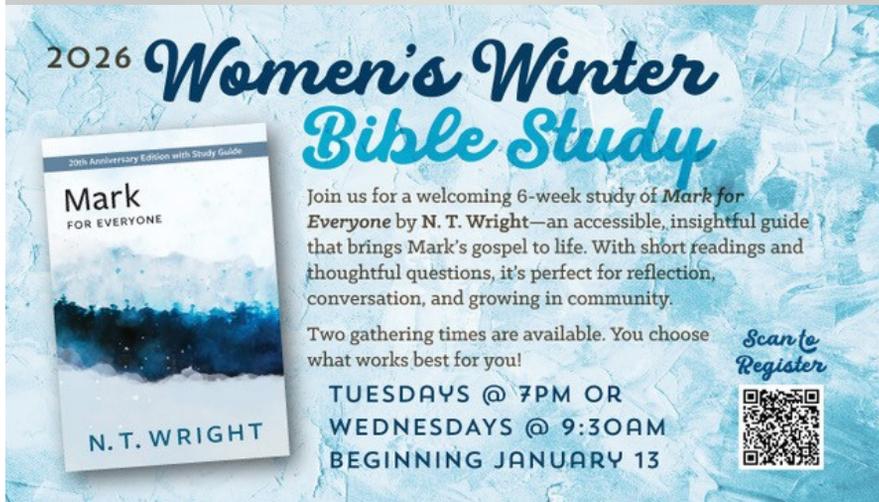
LGK
LAKE GROVE KIDS

prizes!

fun for all ages!

an lgk second sunday event

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 | FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING 9:30 SERVICES



2026 *Women's Winter Bible Study*



Join us for a welcoming 6-week study of *Mark for Everyone* by N. T. Wright—an accessible, insightful guide that brings Mark's gospel to life. With short readings and thoughtful questions, it's perfect for reflection, conversation, and growing in community.

Two gathering times are available. You choose what works best for you!

TUESDAYS @ 7PM OR
WEDNESDAYS @ 9:30AM
BEGINNING JANUARY 13

Scan to Register



NAVIGATING AS WE AGE
CHANGES AND CHOICES
A COMPREHENSIVE 10-CLASS COURSE

Designed to empower attendees and their families with essential guidance on legal, financial, and health decisions.

THURSDAYS STARTING JANUARY 15TH
1-2:30 PM | COURTYARD ROOM
FEE: \$125, INCLUDES MATERIALS

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REGISTER ONLINE



As with Gladness Men of Old 150

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven 511



1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
 2 All is read - y, come at - tend
 3 All who trust in God be - long
 4 As the Lord our God has willed, Al - le - lu - ia!

has to mor - tal flesh been given.
 as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend;
 at this ban - quet with this throng;
 here the hun - gry soul is filled; Al - le - lu - ia!

Hear the Word of God de - clared:
 come from north, west, south, and east;
 Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;
 here the wea - ry are re - freshed. Al - le - lu - ia!

"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
 cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast.
 taste and see: the Lord is good. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All who share God's feast are blessed.

Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord's Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 26:29/Mark 14:25/Luke 22:16).