



OAK GROVE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS EVE

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 24, 2017



CHILDREN



TRADITIONAL



CONTEMPORARY

2:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Sanctuary

6:00 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Sanctuary

6:00 p.m.

Contemporary Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Fellowship Hall

NEW YEAR'S EVE, Sunday, December 31 – 11:00 a.m. – **One service only with Children's Church**
(No children or youth Sunday school) – Sanctuary

11 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music

Sing We Now of Christmas

Michael McCabe

Welcome and Announcements

(Please complete and pass the red friendship pad at this time.)

Dr. Glenn Ethridge

*Hymn of Praise

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

UMH 236

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Ms. Grace Taylor

Jesus is coming! Prepare Him room. Open your eyes to see what God is doing in our midst. Open your ears to hear God's message of hope for you and for the whole world. Open your hearts to receive the gift of God's son in your life. Jesus is coming! Prepare your lives and yourself to respond to this, God's greatest gift of love.

Congregational Response

**Prepare him room, prepare him room, let the King of Glory enter in.
Prepare him room, prepare him room, let the King of Glory enter in.**

A Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Glenn Ethridge

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Our Tithes & Offerings

All Is Well

Kirkpatrick/Smith
arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology

UMH 95

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

*Hymn of Preparation

O God, Your Grace Has Now Appeared

Carolyn Gillette

Tune: Amazing Grace

**O God, your grace has now appeared in Mary's tiny boy.
In this, your story, may we hear good news of wondrous joy.
Your gift of peace was heard that night and shepherds were amazed.
Like them, may all your church delight in angels' songs of praise.
As Mary and as Joseph heard what shepherds came to say,
May we find wonder in your word – For still you speak today.
God, by your Spirit, may we find in words we've long confessed,
Your grace that calls us to respond – To live as we've been blessed.**

(Children in Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade are invited to leave for Children's Church during the Hymn of Preparation. Pick up is in room 227.)

Anthem (11:00)

Gaudete
Chancel Choir

Piae Cantionis (1582)

Scripture

Luke 2:8-20

Mr. Bob Unger

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Prepare Him Room:
Respond**

Dr. Joseph McBrayer

Holy Communion

A Service of Word and Table II

UMH 12

Dr. Ethridge, Dr. Amy Morgan

The sacrament of communion is a sign and means of receiving God's grace. Therefore communion, like grace itself, is available to all people without regard to age, church membership status, relationship to Oak Grove, or denominational affiliation. The table belongs to God, so all are welcome. There is a mobile station for worshipers who prefer to be served in their seats. If you prefer gluten-free elements, please go to the station to the left of the pulpit. You are always welcome to choose any station by simply walking to the station of your choice. Once you receive the bread, please dip it in the grape juice in the chalice. In our tradition worshipers do not drink from the chalice. After receiving communion you may kneel at the chancel to pray or return to your seat.

*Sending Hymn

Away in a Manger

UMH 217

*Benediction

Dr. Morgan

*Congregational Response

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world, the Lord will come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature and sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

*Postlude

Noel

Gordon Young

*Congregation stand as able.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal / TFWS: The Faith We Sing

Large print hymnals and bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher.

Children's worship bags are available in the narthex and parlor side door.

The Acolyte Ministry is honored to have alumni acolytes serving in the Christmas Eve Services. This is an ongoing tradition as our former acolytes, whether attending college locally or away, gather to celebrate the season of Advent and Christmas. We are grateful for their service and proud they call Oak Grove their church home.

Acolytes: (11:00)

Lilly Adams (Alumni)
Ivy Brooks (Alumni)
Kate Moreman (Alumni)
Celia Byrne
Andrew Gray
Gregory Rose
Julia Moreman
Will Moreman

Acolytes: (4:00)

George Zeliff (Alumni)
Tedy Dasher
Isabelle Higgins
Campbell McMillen
Grace Perry
Annalyn Smith
Keller Smith
Mary Paris Smith

Acolytes: (6:00)

Elijah Keadey
Lukas Kersh
Philip Kersh
Lilly Kersh
Sam Hobbs
Grace Taylor
Lee Wildman



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Oak Grove Memorials

IN HONOR

TO THE MISSIONS FUND IN RECOGNITION OF

George & Jeannine Nash's 68th wedding anniversary
by Bill & Lynda Wallace

TO THE MEMORIAL FUND IN HONOR OF
Bill Whatley

by Anne Powell

IN MEMORY

TO THE BUILDING FUND IN MEMORY OF

Brent Anderson
by Dave & Evelyn Knauft
Charles Anderson
by Dave & Evelyn Knauft
Scott Cown
by George Wilkerson
Byron Matthews
by Bob & Louise McCreary
George Wilkerson

Lee McFall
by Dixie Tempel
Lou Ann Harkleroad

George Nash
by George Wilkerson

Jerry Spratte
by Bob & Louise McCreary
Jack & Jodie Ginn
Cherrie Baskette
George Wilkerson

Mildred Schreppe
by Lou Ann Harkleroad
George & Carolyn Jeffares
Jack & Jodie Ginn

Virginia Whittemore
by Elizabeth Jackson
Gail Gould
Gerald & Marijo Culwell

Jerri Williamson
by Lou Brown Jewell

TO THE LIBRARY FUND IN MEMORY OF

Ruth Maise
by Anne Powell

TO THE MEMORIAL FUND IN MEMORY OF

Mary Ellen Arbuckle
by Rosalind Arbuckle
Lee McFall
by Earl & Patricia Donaldson
Denise Wood
George & Tommy Galloway

Bill Peck
by Ken & Julie Dowd

Mildred Schreppe
by Jean Blanchard

Jerri Williamson
by Jim & Sandy Boyles
Lisa's birthday club
Cliff & Connie Kimsey
Jim & Pat Leak

IN MEMORY

TO THE MOBILE SOUP KITCHEN IN MEMORY OF
Mildred Schreppe
by Marcia Baynes

TO THE MOUNTAIN VIEW PERSONAL CARE HOME IN MEMORY OF
Lee McFall
by Companions in Christ Group

TO THE YOUTH MINISTRY IN MEMORY OF
Jerry Spratte
by Kelly & Julie Ludwick

TO THE TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY IN MEMORY OF
Bill Peck
by Bernie Coker
Jorge & Michelle Echenique

TO THE BLESSING IN MEMORY OF
Mildred Schreppe
by Marshall & Jayme Cartmill

PLEASE PRAY FOR

In Memoriam
Patsy Rakestraw
December 14, 2017



New Concerns...
Greg Casarella
Jim Mynatt

Moved to Homebound Prayer List...
Flo Strobhert

New to Care Facilities...
Gay Denham – Budd Terrace
Buddy McCloud – The Madeline of Decatur

Continued Prayers...
Robert Andrieni, Flo Baker, Bill Barnette, Bonnie Chislett, Bill Cole, Liz Darden, Larry Edwards, John Garver, Susan Greene, Charlie Hamilton, Jimmie Jones, Suzi Lawrence, Mary Ann McMichael, Dick Muth, Cindy Mynatt, Jeannine Nash, Sandra Nordberg, Barbara Peeler, Elizabeth Pentecost, George Riley, Mary Dell Robert, Ray Roper, June Row, Neil Sampson, Ann Shirk, Karen Smith, Chick Sward, Paul Tuggle, Bill Walsh, Stacy Welch, Rob White, Gene Worth

Homebound...
For a complete listing of homebound members, please contact the church office.

Serving in Our Armed Forces...
Petty Officer Steven Jones, 1st Lt. Thomas Penland, SSgt. Joshua Portwood, Col. Janet Seufert

Sympathy...
Oak Grove extends its deepest sympathy to...
...Robyn Giles on the death of her mother, Rosalind Giles.
...Dan Riedford on the death of his father, James Riedford, Sr.

One Worship Service, Sunday, December 31, 2017

11 a.m. One Worship Service

Sanctuary

One service only with Children's Church (no Children or Youth Sunday school.)

Today's Worship Servants

Sound: (8:30) Billie Williams (11:00) Taylor Pendley

Ushers: Jeanine Andrews, Mark Byrne, Tony Callaway, Carolyn Casarella, Greg Casarella, Bill Cole, Jack Graves, Tim Howard, Elliott Jackson, Andy Kroll, Scot Macrae, Matt Moneyhan, Phil Perry, Neil Sampson, Paul Siegel, Kirby Smith, James Trotti, Rob Welch, Linda Wright

Altar Guild: Ann Benton, Katrina Franklin, Nancy Harte, Regina Haynes, Paige Henry, Sally Houghton, Judy Kilgo, Judy Kirkwood, Nancy Landers, Anne Letbetter, Tara Merritt-Merchant, Dale Miller, Becky Mynatt, Cindy Mynatt, Brenda Toebben, Carol Wright, and Diane Young

Children's Church: Kim Cody and Stephanie Mitchell

Our Worship Times

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:35 a.m.	Sunday School	Various
9:35 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

Our Church Information

Church Office	404-636-7558
Office Hours	9 a.m. – 5 p.m. M-F
Emergency Contact After Hours	ext. 9
Address	1722 Oak Grove Road, Decatur, GA 30033
Website	www.ogumc.org

Our Pastors

Dr. Glenn Ethridge – <i>Senior Pastor</i>	ext. 211
Dr. Amy Morgan – <i>Pastor of Nurture and Service</i>	ext. 210
Dr. Joseph McBrayer – <i>Pastor of Invitation and Discipleship</i>	ext. 226
Rev. Mary Lou Gilbert – <i>Pastor to Senior Adults</i>	
Dr. Dana Everhart – <i>Theologian in Residence</i>	

Our Program Staff

Dale Smith – <i>Executive Director</i>	ext. 225
Pam Reynolds – <i>Director of Finance</i>	ext. 224
Kim Cody – <i>Children's Ministry</i>	ext. 218
Ed Scruggs – <i>Music Ministry</i>	ext. 226
Leanne Herrmann – <i>Organist</i>	
Andy Webb – <i>Youth Ministry</i>	ext. 202
Atticus Hicks – <i>Dir. of Contemporary Worship</i>	ext. 208

Our Schools

Oak Grove Christian School	404-636-5476
YCS (Young Children's School)	404-636-7951

Submitting Articles to the Oak Grove News:

Please be reminded that **Thursday 12 p.m. is the deadline** for information that you would like to add to the *Oak Grove News*. This will enable your article to appear in the following week's bulletin.

Send items to oakgrovenews@ogumc.org. Articles will run TWO times and may be edited for space. Indicate the two editions you prefer when the article is submitted.
Thank you!

Check the Oak Grove website for up-to-the-minute news on all events: www.ogumc.org

Make Sure You Stay in Constant Contact

Information on our ministries, news, and upcoming events is shared through our Constant Contact weekly congregational email. If your email address changes during the year, please contact Diane O'Steen, Membership/Database Admin., (dosteen@ogumc.org or 404-636-7558 ext.221)

