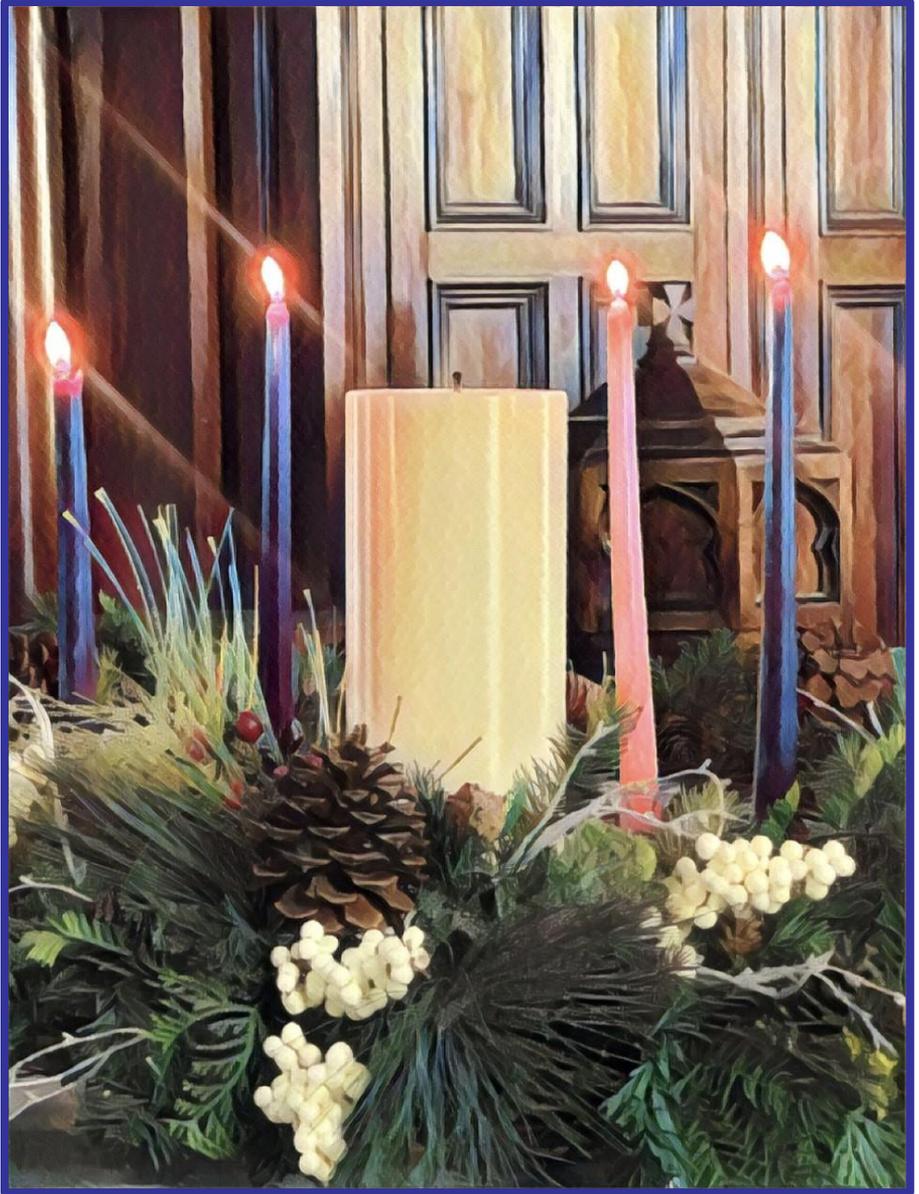


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Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020 10:15 AM**

The congregation is invited to hum or read the text silently while the musicians sing the hymns and responses. Please be sure cell phones are off or on airplane mode. Please wear a mask.

Gathering Music

by Lani Smith

"In a Stable Bare"

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

American Folksong

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head"

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.

You have got a manger bed.

All the weary folk on earth

Sleep in silence at their birth.

Jesus, Jesus, rest your head.

You have got a manger bed.

Have you heard about our Jesus?

Have you heard about his fate?

How his mother went to the stable

On that Christmas Eve so late?

Winds were blowing, cows were lowing,

Stars were glowing, glowing, glowing. Refrain

Call to Worship

One: Today we light the fourth Advent candle, the candle of love.

All: The candle of love is the culmination of God's work in this world.

One: Love is the best way we know how to express our gratitude for God, and love is God's expression of care for us.

All: The message of the cross is this: God so loves the world.

Gathering Hymn

by George Frederick Handel

““While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night”

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.**

**“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind:
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind, to you and humankind.**

**“All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!”**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know we can get caught up in so many things during the Advent season. Much of it seems meaningful in the moment, but everything fades. Help us to recognize one thing: God's love endures forever. Forgive us for not accepting your love. Forgive us for not living in your love. Fill us with your love, Today, Tomorrow, and Forevermore.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

What a friend we have in Jesus. By him we are saved, through him we are loved. Amen.

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading

John 3:14-17

Sermon

"143"

Musical Offering

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
by faithful prophets sung.*

*It came, a floweret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore for us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.*

*This flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness everywhere.
Enfleshed, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens every load.*

Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn

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"Love Has Come"

Blessing

Postlude

by Robert Hughes

"Celebrate Christmas"



**Flowers today are given
by Rosemary & Robert Notz
to the glory of God,
in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Notz.**

Participants in today's service: Michaelyn Notz (worship leader), Brian Crane, Kessey Kieselhorst, Cathy Sanders (music), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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