



**Grove Presbyterian Church**

**Worship Service**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 12, 2021 10:15 AM**

*Worshippers are invited to sing and read text and lyrics printed in **bold type**. Standing is invited wherever you see an asterisk (\*). Please wear a mask whenever indoors.*

Gathering Music                      arranged by John Michael Stephens  
**“I Wonder as I Wander”**

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

**“In the Bleak Midwinter”**

Advent Candle Lighting

Choir: *All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the night, with hope anticipating the Advent of Eternal Light.*

One: How can we share hope?

**All: When others are weary and broken, we strengthen them. The candle that takes its light from another has light to share.**

One: How can we share hope?

**All:** When we are weary and tired, we lean on the hope others provide. Jesus says, “Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**One:** On this third Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to share hope.

**All Sing:**

**We proclaim with hope for the morning Light,  
for the love of Christ to illuminate the night.**

**We proclaim with joy for the Savior’s birth;  
we proclaim with hope for peace on earth.**

\*Gathering Hymn

Hymnal no. 100

**“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”**

Prayer of Confession

**God, how often are we reluctant to speak when we should? We have good news to share, but we’re embarrassed. We hear someone say something wrong, but we purse our lips instead of standing up for what’s right. We are filled with God’s hope, but we keep it inside instead of displaying it to the world. This isn’t the way you want us to live, God. Help us to use our voices, and to say what is right. Amen.**

*~Silent Confession~*

Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the promise is true: God loves us. God forgives us. God is coming to us even now to save us. Thanks be to God. **Alleluia! Amen.**

# Advent Doxology



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.  
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,  
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-8

New Testament Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Sermon

**"When You Can't Help but Sing"**

## Musical Offering

### **“Every Valley”**

*Every valley shall be lifted. Every mountain be made low.*

*Every valley shall be lifted,  
and the crooked be made whole.*

*Sound the trumpet for the glory of the Lord  
shall be revealed.*

*Come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here,*

*until the Son of God appears.*

*Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Sound the trumpet...*

*God’s glory shall be revealed.*

## Moment of Reflection

### Prayers of the People and 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, forever. Amen.**

\*Sending Hymn

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**“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”**

## \*Blessing

## \*Choral Blessing

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my in-most calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?*

## Postlude

by Camille Saint-Saens

## **"Raise Now Your Song on High"**

Participants in today's service: Diane Kitts (worship leader), Vivian Wertz, Scott Romberger, Jen Henning (deacons), Senior Choir (music), Jud Bennett (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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# We've a Story to Tell to the Nations



1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, that shall
2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, that shall
3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the
4. We've a Sa - vior to show to the na - tions, who the



turn their hearts to the right, a sto - ry of truth and  
lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall con - quer  
Lord who reign - eth a - bove hath sent us his Son to  
path of sor - row hath trod, that all of the world's great



mer - cy, a sto - ry of peace and light, a  
e - vil and shat - ter the spear and sword, and  
save us, and show us that God is love, and  
peo - ples might come to the truth of God, might



sto - ry of peace and light.  
shat - ter the spear and sword. For the dark - ness shall turn to  
show us that God is love.  
come to the truth of God.



daw - ning, and the daw - ning to noon - day bright; and



Christ's great king - dom shall come on earth, the



king - dom of love and light.

# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.



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

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