Second Sunday After the Epiphany THE ORDER OF WORSHIP **ENTRANCE**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The voice of God calls to us! Are you listening?

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

The hands of God beckon us! Are you paying attention? Show us, Lord, your servants are paying attention.

The love of God asks us are you ready to follow?

Guide us, Lord, and we, your servants, will follow.

Come, let us worship the God whose tenacious love never stops calling and beckoning and asking us to follow.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023

*OPENING HYMN 103 UMH Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) OLD TESTAMENT READING

GOSPEL READING John 1:43-51

ANTHEM Tom Fettke "Christ Beside Me"

SERMON "First, We Listen" Jan C. Nicholson Angle

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY 95 UMH

SENDING FORTH

The Summons *HYMN 2130 TFWS

*OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

* Congregation stand as you are able

Prayer Request
Please provide information below:

Person placing the request:

Prayer Requested for:

Name:

Their Need:

Are they family, friend, co-worker or neighbor?

YES or NO

May we share your prayer request in our bulletins and newsletters?

YES or NO

Email:_____

Phone: _____

ushers, members Want to know more about our ministries and opportunities? **≪**e Today you will experience GROVE Are Glad You and pastor are Are **Here!** Christ-centered worship and fellowship. Welcome

Your

to Grove!

Flowers on the Altar today are given by Marceline Hunter in appreciation for her Grove Family and all Grove does for the Church and community.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

To add someone or update please contact Linda Fasnacht

Amy Black Renie Price Corene Simms Jim Keffer Sam Belcher Frankie Cook Ashley Fasnacht Ali Schepisi Sonya Nicely

Casey Wojtera Wayne and Nancy Pridgen Tony Lambert Those homebound Those in assisted living The Middle East

SERVING TODAY

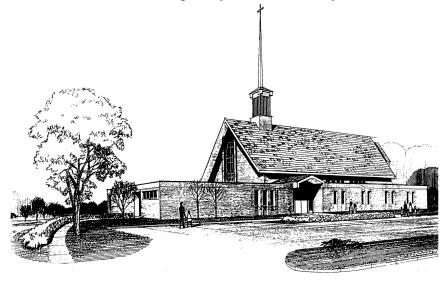
Piano	Flo Bishop
Organ	Libby Watts
	Frank Herzog/Bob Boggess
Acolyte	Natalie Schepisi
Liturgist	Barry Anderson
	Cory Schepisi
	Terica Fisher/Tommy Fisher
	Betsy Hagen/Susan Boggess
	Linda Fasnacht/Beth McDaniel
Nursery Staff	Chloe Mullins/Danielle Mason

Grove United Methodist Church

1020 Tyler Avenue, Radford, Virginia 24141 (540) 639-2807 email: radfordgroveumc@gmail.com

> January 14, 2024 Second Sunday After the Epiphany 10:00 am

> > Grove UMC Sesquicentennial Celebrating 150 years in Ministry



Rev. Dr. Jan Nicholson Angle Minister

Cell 540-589-9118

Rev. Ila Schepisi Deacon in Residence Rev. Dr. Joseph Borden Chancel Choir Director

Libby Watts Handbell Choir Director

Donna Alley Finance Assistant Lynn Wright Custodian

Linda Fasnacht Administrative Assistant

Dana Watson Videographer Jim Harrison Pianist



This Week at Grove UMC

TODAY 01/14/24

9:00 am Young Adult Sunday School

9:00 am O'Donnell Sunday School

9:30 am Nursery available

11:30am Bible Study—Genesis Orientation

4:30 pm Handbells practice

Monday 1/15/24

Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day 6:00 pm UMM Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Grove Book Group (via Zoom. Contact Terica Fisher for details. 540-357-1016 or tericafisher@msn.com)

Wednesday 1/17/24

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 1/18/24

7:00 pm Centering Prayer

Friday 1/19/24

Grove youth and Wesley students and leaders leave for Resurrection

Please pray for Grove youth, Wesley students, and their leaders as they travel to "Resurrection" in Pigeon Forge, TN January 19-21.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Borden will be leading worship and bringing the message at Grove on January 21.

Altar Flowers

Interested in providing flowers for the Altar?
Please contact Linda Clifford or Linda Fasnacht.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LISTENING

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you as our God, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our priorities do not line up with yours, and too often we wander from your path by trying to do things our way instead of yours.

Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.

Merciful God, we confess that we are too often complacent in answering your call to enact justice. You call us to enter the flow of your justice that rolls down like water, and instead, we inhibit the work of justice by choosing not to pay attention or believe the stories of suffering and need in our midst.

Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.

Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we avoid you. We don't want to hear your voice. We don't want to receive your call. We are scared of what you might ask us to do and how letting your grace work in our lives might change us. So, we keep you at arm's length, ready to run when you seem to ask too much of us.

Forgive us, Lord. Your servants repent.

Merciful God, we confess that there are things that clutter our hearts and minds that we cannot say aloud or do not have words for, and so, we lift them to you now in silence.

Offer silent prayers of confession.

Reconciling God, your steadfast love surrounds us, calling us into right relationship with you, with self, with one another, and with creation. As your reconciled and forgiven people, open our hearts to receive all that you have to say to us today.

Speak, Lord, your servants are listening.

Time of silent listening and prayer.

Loving God, you call us by name to be your people in the world, pouring your love into us in such abundance that it overflows into the world around us. Guide us, form us, and send us as your people to live out your good news wherever we go.

Call us, Lord, your servants will follow. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023.