

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

JANUARY 16, 2022

Online Service (Live Stream)

09:30 AM



FRESH AIR

HOW GOD'S PEACE RESTORES OUR SOULS



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Jan 16 (Sun) 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

ONLINE Service on Facebook

Please note that we do **NOT have **In-Person Service**

Jan 16 (Sun) Food Collection for Mission Teens

*Church doors will be opened during this drop-off time:

Drop-Off Time _ UG & WG: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

*Groves Ministries Membership Record Update

Membership Record Form will be placed at church /
mailed to shut-ins / available online.

2022 Bible Reading Campaign: EVERYDAY with JESUS

Join us reading the whole Bible in a year!

01.16 (Sun) Genesis 50 – Exodus 4

01.17 (Mon) Exodus 5 – Exodus 7

01.18 (Tue) Exodus 8 – Exodus 10

01.19 (Wed) Exodus 11 – Exodus 13

01.20 (Thu) Exodus 14 – Exodus 16

01.21 (Fri) Exodus 17 – Exodus 19

01.22 (Sat) Exodus 20 – Exodus 22

01.23 (Sun) Exodus 23 – Exodus 27

2022 Prayer Ministry Leadership Team Training

Registration _ [CLICK HERE](#) | ZOOM _ [CLICK HERE](#)

Schedule: Jan 26, Feb 2, 9 (Wed) 06:00 p.m.

In-Person: Union Grove UMC Fellowship Hall

*You can join in ZOOM if not available in-person

ZOOM Meeting ID: 858 4771 5889 | Passcode: 1234

Jan 31, 2022 (Sat) Statistical Report Due

CELEBRATION OF THIS WEEK

Jan 17 (Mon) Tara Donelson's Birthday

Jan 22 (Sat) Sally Grabow's Birthday

Jan 23 (Sun) Preston Kurtz's Birthday

Jan 26 (Wed) Charlie Davis' Birthday

Kaitlyn Grabow's Birthday

Ryan Donelson's Birthday

Jan 29 (Sat) Robbie & Marion Robertson's Anniversary

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to God, all the peoples!

Praise God who really loves us all!

Don't be afraid and do not doubt God's love.

Open our hearts, O God, and help us to receive that love.

Dance in joy to the spirit of God.

Let our spirits resound with joy at God's light of joy, AMEN.

INVOCATION

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Gracious and loving God, source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy, may your Spirit heal those who are torn, mend those who are broken, and protect those who are fragile. Enable us, O God, through the gift of your steadfast love, to remember who we are and whose we are. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In your love, may we be true and faithful disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN (UMH 098)

To God Be the Glory

(<https://youtu.be/cYF5ok-L5YE>)



1. *To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
[Refrain:] Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

2. *O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain:]*

3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain:]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, we are gathered together to worship and listen—listen for your voice calling us to something new. In the wake of Advent, Christmas, and the turn of the new year, some of us are still hopeful and full of expectation; some of us are weary and worn; some of us are overwhelmed and anxious. But as sure as the sun rises, a new year is upon us, full of possibilities, full of promise.

You are a God of newness and change, and you call us to be continually transformed. In this season of resolve, help us to be mindful and intentional about our priorities. Help us to look to Jesus as our way; help us to rely on the Spirit to follow, in our faith and in our doubt. Inspire us with a vision of the world as it could be, a world closer to your intentions and desires, a world of abundance and plenty, a world of peace and security, a world of cooperation and prosperity, a world of health and well-being, a world of love and justice.

In some ways it's easy, at the beginning of a new year, to be idealistic and zealous, to be bold in our dreams and resolutions. So God, we ask that you help us to be patient and disciplined, persistent and steady throughout the entire year. May we not too quickly fall back into familiar habits and patterns, may we not lose hope or vision, may we be your kingdom people each and every day of this new year.

God, even as we hope and dream of a better world, even as we make plans to be better people, we are mindful of the realities that face us right now. So we ask for healing and wholeness for those who are sick; we seek comfort for those who are grieving; we pray for companionship for those who are lonely; we need jobs and homes and food for those without them; we long for peace in places of war; we desire justice for those who are oppressed; we want reconciliation for those who are estranged.

We are confident, God, that you will walk with us as we strive to meet these needs; we are confident that you will walk with us always. Your presence among us is abiding and real; your love fills our lives and guides our paths. Help us, God, to not put Christmas away too quickly, to enjoy the fullness of this season and be transformed by the spirit of Christ in our midst. AMEN.



HYMN OF PRAISE (UMH 140)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
(<https://youtu.be/ErwiBz1QA4o>)

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. [Refrain:]

[Refrain:] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain:]

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain:]

PSALTER READING (UMH 771)

Psalms 36:5-10

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-7, 26-28

MESSAGE

FRESH AIR: How God's Peace Restore Our Souls

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 881)

The 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

OFFERING

Offering (CHECK) by mail to:

UG _ Krissi Reed (50 Burt St, Bridgeton NJ 08302)

WG _ Cheryl Fox (1940 Coles Mill Rd, Franklinville NJ 08322)

Offering by ONLINE (Church Website):

Paypal _ <https://groveschurches.org/give>

CLOSING SONG (UMH 374)

Standing on the Promises

(<https://youtu.be/6uWnFL60CPc>)



1. We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right, a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

[Refrain:] For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright; and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth the kingdom of love and light.

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord, a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. [Refrain:]

3. We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. [Refrain:]

BENEDICTION