

WELCOME to Worship at Grove Church
Nineth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026
Holding On or Letting Go



Assisting in Worship

Liturgist – Peggy Pastino

Greeters – Joan Cross and Barbara Seiple

Ushers – Brad Hanford and Jim Schmidt

Grove Stream Team

Coffee Fellowship – Richard & Joanna Nichols and Sandra Harrelson

We would like to thank Pastor Richard Nichols, our Guest Pastor.

GROVE KIDS

Kids of all ages are welcome in worship!

We welcome families with children to use our **Grace Space** in the front of the sanctuary. This purposely designed area allows space for children to fully participate in worship without being confined to a pew. There is ample seating for parents to be nearby to connect with their children as needed.

We also have a Nursery available for infants and toddlers.

LISTEN

PRELUDE "Fanfare on Adeste Fideles" Paul Fey

WELCOME

VOLUNTARY "Concerto Prelude on Joy To The World" Paul Fey

***CENTERING WORDS**

Pastor: O come all ye faithful ones, seeking to follow Jesus,

People: We are here ready to worship!

Liturgist: We celebrate today, Emmanuel, God with us.

People: Every day is Christmas in our hearts!

Pastor: Joy to the World!

People: Let's worship together the Christ who has broken into our world and into our hearts. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "O Come All Ye Faithful" (vs 1-3) UMH #234

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

SEEK

A MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

(Children of all ages are invited to come to the front)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Be Still My Soul" Richard Nichols

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 12:1-3

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 19:1-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Holding On or Letting Go

Pastor Richard Nichols

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“The Stand”

Joel Houston

RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER with THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

“What A Glorious Night”

Sidewalk Prophets

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

PREPARING TO LISTEN IN THE WORLD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

***CLOSING SONG**

“Joy to the World”

NCC Worship

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG** “They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love/By Our Love”

*-please stand in body or in spirit

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If you have been moved by your experience in worship today and would like to learn more about faith in Christ or get connected at Grove, our Pastors would love to talk with you. Please call the church office to schedule a meeting or email

PastorStacy@GroveChurch.org



Scan the QR Code to go to our **Grove Connect Page**. Here you can fill out a connect form, *give online*, and see *all of the events and activities coming up here at Grove Church!*



Christmas in July with a TWIST

From July through November 30, Grove is collecting donations to provide grocery gift cards to local families. This allows parents the dignity of buying their own gifts and holiday meals.

How to Give:

Go to grovechurch.org - click the giving link, and select "Christmas Appeal".
Write a Check with "Christmas Appeal" in the memo line.



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\$15

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