



*Worship for Sunday
December 2, 2018
10:30 a.m.*

Our Mission:

*Growing in Spirit
Living as Disciples
Serving God's World*



First Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21:26-28

Here is the message of Advent: faced with him who is the Last, the world will begin to shake. Only when we do not cling to false securities will our eyes be able to see this Last One and get to the bottom of things. Only then will we...see that it is time to repent, time to change things. It is time to say, "All right, it was night; but let that be over now and let us be ready for the day."

Alfred Delp

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Tournquist

We Gather in God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Praise Song

Hope of the Nations

Praise Band

Lighting of Advent's First Candle

The Gipsons: Clara, Francis and Linda

Reader: In a season of hurry and rush, we slow down today to call to mind the hope of Christ's coming.

Reader: We light the first candle of Advent, the candle of HOPE.

(The candle is lit.)

Prayer: O God, we kindle this light with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace. We wait for you, O God. All the day long, we wait for you in hope. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame. Your mercy and steadfast love are our hope, O God. This Advent, lead us in the paths of your justice. Amen.

† Hymn #93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

† Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We entrust our lives and hearts to worldly powers, as though there were no reckoning. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. We let despair seep into our days, as though you were not the Lord of Love. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

One Voice: Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

One Voice: May the Lord guide your way, strengthen you in all holiness, and make you abound in love for one another and for all.

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Long Ago Prophets Knew
Men's Chorus

Arr. Seifried

Children's Message

Janet Little

*Play 'n' Worship will follow the Children's Message. See Page 7.
Older children will stay to have communion with the community.*

† Hymn #347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:25-38

Sermon

Not Quite Ready

Rev. Katie Murchison Ross

We Respond to God's Word

New Member Received

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Alleluia, He Is Coming

Praise Band

† Response #609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

† Prayer of Dedication

Janet Little

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #348

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

† Benediction

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Austin



*The Flowers in the Sanctuary
were donated by Bonni and Tom Astorino*

"To Celebrate Life and the Caring at Grace"

Your greeter today was Nancy Mankin

GRATEFUL THANKS

Dear Grace Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of Cameron Elementary School students, staff, and families, I would like to thank you for your tremendous generosity to the needy families here at Cameron. Twenty-four families received Thanksgiving baskets that included food, fresh fruit, and gift cards. Each of the families that received the baskets was so very grateful, and many of their eyes filled with tears as they received the baskets. Your donations of food and money had a huge impact on their ability to feed their families over the Thanksgiving break. We wanted all of you to know how important these donations have been for our families. I have also heard that 31 of our students will be sponsored through George's Kids. I understand that these funds will provide Christmas presents for 31 of our students. The generosity of the Grace congregation is greatly appreciated and you have all warmed our hearts.

Thank you, Tim Slayter, Principal, Cameron Elementary School

Thank you to our 12 Grace walkers and their supporters. Our walkers joined over 300 others from many area groups and congregations to bring hunger awareness to the attention of the community. Grace walkers raised \$500 in donations; Grace mission will also contribute \$500. Walk proceeds combat hunger locally through ECHO, and provide development and disaster assistance in the US and abroad.

GRATEFUL GIVING AND LIVING

New Member. We welcome Bernadette Landry to our membership today. She is currently engaged and looking forward to a wedding here at Grace next year. Please introduce yourself at Fellowship and give her a great Grace welcome!

Poinsettias. It's time to sign up and dedicate a Christmas poinsettia. With your help, the sanctuary will blossom like the desert! Please sign up in the hall outside the Library. The \$30 donation reflects an increase in the cost of fresh flowers. Please let us know if it poses a problem for you.

Advent Sunday School for Adults. Throughout Advent, we began will be exploring how Christmas is observed in each of the Gospels. We will search for what each Gospel writer emphasized in announcing the start of the Good News of Jesus.

Would Your Students Away at School Like a Care Package? Please write their name and address on a piece of paper and leave it in the office TODAY! Youth will be packing this afternoon and sending packages out this week in time for finals.

Deadlines. Bring your unwrapped gift or card for the Christmas Giving Tree to the church office by 12/13, and your gift wrap for Bethany House to the basket in the Tower Entrance by 12/5. Thank you for brightening the holidays for others.

Finance Update. Thank you to all who have provided their 2019 pledges. We have received 76 pledges totaling \$386,820. We need additional pledges to exceed last year's total of \$418,000. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so soon so that we can plan for next year's programs. Please place your card in the collection plate, or in Mike Phillips' or Judy Heine's box in the office.

Charitable Giving and Your RMD. Charitable contributions to Grace from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) are possible if you are 70-1/2 or older and take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA. You have an opportunity to reduce your taxable income by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA to Grace. Amounts distributed as a QCD count towards satisfying your RMD amount for the year and are excluded from your taxable income. If you would like additional information, please contact your IRA custodian or Elder Mike Phillips.

Board Update. At the November 17 meeting of the Board of Directors, it was reported that final payment had been made from Guide One Insurance for roof repairs over the sanctuary and Wester Hall. Other completed projects are: the installation of new playground equipment, painting of the new doors, and work on the Davis House. Ongoing projects are: mildew and mold abatement in downstairs storage cabinets, and around windows in Pastor Ben's office and the Family Room. Leaf cleanup will continue over the next few weeks. Discussions on the Board budget and the Inclement Weather Policy were begun. The next meeting is scheduled for 1/12 in the Library.

GRACE EVENTS TODAY AND BEYOND

All Youth and Middlers - Today, December 2, 12:30. Shop for George's Kids. Meet after church for lunch at Grace, shopping at Target, and wrapping at Grace.

AWG Advent Lunch - Wednesday, December 5, 11:30 a.m. Don't miss it! RSVP to Yvette by 12/3 with your choice: Chicken Tetrazzini or Vegetables and Pasta for \$10. This event follows the Circle 6 meeting at 9:30, to which all women are invited.

GiG: Advent Workshop - Wednesday, December 5, 5:00 p.m. - Dinner and crafts for everyone. Please sign up in the Narthex so that we have plenty of food and craft materials. The warmth of the holidays begins in your heart when you're at Grace!

Walk the Labyrinth - Friday, December 7, 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. A time of meditation has been set aside when you can use the labyrinth in Wester Hall or pray in the sanctuary. A member will be on hand to offer guidance and suggestions for the labyrinth.

Soup Supper and Music - Sunday, December 16, 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a special evening of Christmas music with Rob Trawick (Pastor Ben's musical brother). Using bouzouki, guitar, and dulcimer, Rob will share Christmas songs from across time and cultures--Wassail songs to 1960s folk, and maybe a sing-along or two. The potluck begins at 5, and the music in the sanctuary at 6. Invite a friend and bring your favorite soup and recipe to share.



Members: Adair Clayton, Kristie Mulhollem, Linda Patterson, and Judy Smith.

Former Member: Darwin Gregory.

Grace Preschooler: Scarlet Wesche.

Our Missionaries: Pastor Selvin (Honduras) and Doug Dicks (Jerusalem).

Scholarship Students: Cindi, Denis, Feralyani, Heydi, Mario, Leonardo, Ronal, and Wendy.

The Mothers of: Veronica Crump, Meg Rogers (Beth), Hiede Sowdon, Dave Treasure (Hilda), and Dwight Yarbrough (Verla).

The Step-Mother of: Donna Lucas (Jackie).

The Fathers of: Atina Bustillo and Nancy Machado (Jim).

The Husband of: Donna Lucas.

The Daughters of: Rich and Kathy Calahan (Lynn), Glenda Etchison (Laci), Bob and Valerie Patrick (Molly), and Hilde Uffelman (Raven).

The Granddaughter of: Barbara Crowell (Josie, and Bryan and Rea).

The Uncle of: Yvette Moy (Chek)

The Brothers of: Linda Patterson (Arthur), Peter Smith (George), and Hilde Uffelman (Brian).

The Sisters of: Clara Gipson (Anna), Penny Newsome (Susan), and Marty Post (Sue).

The Sister-in-Law of: Claire Manger (Bev).

The Nephew of: Claire Manger (Edward).

The Cousins of: Donna Lucas (Angela), Yvette Moy (David), Valerie Patrick (Virginia), Meg Rogers (Colleen), and Scot Rogers (Ann).

The Friends of: Craig and Judy Crooks (Liz), Dave and Liz Lincoln (Bev), Kate Machado (Ario and Muntaha), Meg Rogers (Jeannie and Jade), Susan and Tim Stryker (Brice), Hilde Uffelman (Lavette), and Valerie Wenderoth (Brynna).

This Week's Calendar

For complete details, please visit www.gracepresby.org; or call the Church Office.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Dec 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7:00 pm Joyful Ringers	9:00 am Garden Club Board	Grand Involve	5:00 pm PEP	11:00 am Labyrinth		9:15 am Sunday School
7:00 pm Tutoring	10:00 am Outside Group	9:30 am Circle 6	7:30 pm Chancel Choir			9:50 am Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm Outside Group	1:30 pm Preschool Perform- ance	9:45 am Preschool Chapel				10:30 am Worship
		11:30 am Advent Luncheon				11:30 pm Fellowship Cookie Exchange
		5:30 pm GiG				12:00 pm Children's Choir
		6:00 am Children's Discipleship				



***WE ARE VERY GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!
PLEASE SIGN OUR FRIENDSHIP REGISTER SO THAT WE CAN
GREET YOU BY NAME AND CALL ON YOU IF YOU WISH.***

***ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - ...Even if they
fidget! Worship Bags are available for young children with a
children's bulletin, books, and crayons, and a Nursery is avail-
able downstairs in Room 5 for infants through 3-year-olds.***

After the Children's Message, children have their own worship experience downstairs. Play 'n' Worship is for preschoolers, and Bridges to Worship is for K-3rd graders. Please pick up children before going to Fellowship. K-3rd graders will be in the Bridges Room (Room 14), and all other children will be in the Nursery (Room 5).

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Classes are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the 2nd Sunday in September through the 3rd Sunday in May. Children's Discipleship provides classes for 4-year-olds through 12th graders, and Adult Discipleship reaches all adults after high school.

GRACE INSIGHTS - Learn more about Grace Church, our mission, and our denomination, PC(USA), in classes that form throughout the year. If you are considering membership and would like to attend a class or if you have interest in learning more about us, please speak to one of our pastors or Elder Valerie Wenderoth. You will find Grace a very welcoming place.

PLEASE ASK ANYONE FOR HELP OR DIRECTIONS!

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be posted in the church office and on the
church website soon.

GRACE WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

The Preschool is a Christian-based
ministry and developmental program
for children aged 2 to 4. Classrooms
are designed as learning centers, of-
fering students a unique "hands-on"
learning adventure. Registration for
the 2019-20 school year opens for
new families on January 14. Please
call the Preschool office for informa-
tion or a tour.

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