



*Worship for Sunday
December 9, 2018
10:30 a.m.*

Our Mission:

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



Second Sunday in Advent

Preparation for Worship

Emmanuel,

Humanity waits in darkness, longing for your light.

In the midst of our darkness, rekindle our hope.

As we wait for peace in the midst of war, be with us.

As we pray for enemies to be reconciled, be with us.

As we pray for long-term security, be with us.

As we pray for kindness and community, be with us.

Restore and set right our relationships.

Replace the darkness in our hearts with your light and joy.

Let your word set alight the hope the world needs

To bring to light your love and justice.

Amen

Prelude

O Comem, O Come, Emmanuel
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Thompson

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

What a Beautiful Name

Praise Band

Lighting of Advent's Second Candle

The Machado Family

Reader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we again light the candle of HOPE, recalling our hope-filled longing for God to be with us.

Reader: In addition, we light a second candle, which symbolizes PEACE.

Reader: This candle reminds us of our dreams for peace in a hurting world: not mere serenity or absence of conflict but the deep peace that brings justice and full humanity to all. The candle also reminds us that we await the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Reader: Finally, the candle is a reminder to seek and work for peace.

Let us Pray: Come, O God, and walk with us through this Advent season.

Give us courage to be peace-seekers and peacemakers. Amen.

† Hymn #88

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

† Prayer of Confession

Loving God, too often Christmas is wrapped in sentiment for us, and we do not permit ourselves to be touched by its true power. A savior comes, but we do not pause to repent of wrongful thoughts and hurtful actions. A savior comes, but even hearing his calls for justice and peace, we do not contemplate our contributions to injustice or warfare. A savior comes, yet we persist in old patterns, cling to old angers, and resist transformation. Forgive us, O Lord, when we cling to the very things from which we need to be saved. Cleanse us, restore us, and make us new according to your will. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

One Voice: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting. As far as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! AMEN.

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Angels Are Making Their Rounds
Chancel Choir

Chopin

Children's Message

Becky Yarbrough

Play 'n' Worship and Bridges will follow the Children's Message. See Page 7.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

† Hymn #99

Song of Mary

Sermon

An Enemy of the People

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

We Respond to God's Word

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come To Us

Praise Band

† Response #609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

† Prayer of Dedication

Ed Bryant

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #100

Canticle of the Turning

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

In the Bleak Midwinter
Sean Cator, Pianist

Arr. Thompson



*The Flowers in the Sanctuary
were donated by Penny Newsome*

*“In Memory of My Mother, Allison Roller Platig,
on her 90th Birthday”*

Your greeter today was Shirley Bennington.

TODAY

Cookie Exchange after Worship - Samples for everyone (whether you brought cookies or not) and fun crafts for the kids! If you brought 3 doz. cookies, take home 2. For 2 doz., take home 1.

Thanksgiving Basket Update - During this past Thanksgiving season, the good hearts, willing hands, and generous spirits of Grace touched 35 families in our community, a total of 130 people. Contributions bought \$4860 worth of food gift cards either mailed to ECHO clients or used to add a little extra to more than 40 bags of donated food distributed to Cameron Elementary families and others in our neighborhood. This act of thankfulness hopefully reminded some of “the least of these” that they are not alone. Thanks for supporting this effort in response to God’s good graces.

GRATEFUL GIVING AND LIVING

3rd Sunday Hunger Offering. As you shop this month, please pick up an item or two for ECHO shoppers: jelly, vegetable oil, bag beans, coffee, individual juice or milk cartons, OTC pain meds all ages. Please use the green hunger envelopes in the pews for monetary donations to support local and denominational hunger programs.

End of Year Giving. The Session and the Board have provided a list of projects for which members of the congregation may wish to provide funding. If you would like to fund all or part of a project before the end of the year, please let Craig Crooks or Mike Phillips know. The funds will be applied to the project next year.

New furniture and lighting for the Youth Room - \$800

Pre-School - Individual Memory/Photo/Scrapbooks for each child - \$500

Replacement of Tower Door lights - \$500

Repair or replacement of leaking gutters - \$1,000

Replacement of the stage curtain - \$1,000

Greeters Needed. Please sign up at the table outside the Library if you can greet at one of our worship services in December or January, including on Christmas Eve.

Book Sale. The Honduras Mission Team is planning a book sale on February 10th. Please save your books and current media items that you are planning to give away to support our 2019 Honduran scholarship students. We will send a reminder in January with details about dropping off donations for the sale.

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 outside the Library.

Advent Sunday School for Adults. Throughout Advent, we 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.

Deadline. Bring your unwrapped gift or gift card for the Christmas Giving Tree to the church office by **December 13.** Thank you for brightening the holidays for others.

Pledges. Thank you for pledging in 2019. 86 pledges received totaled \$429,120. Our budget needs for 2019 still exceed our total. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so 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 Contributions to Grace. Here are several tax-saving ways you can contribute to the church: 1) Donate appreciated stock and potentially avoid capital gains taxes. 2) Recommend a gift be made from your donor advised fund; and 3) make a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to reduce your taxable income. To learn more, please contact your financial institution or Mike Phillips, Finance Elder.

More Ways To Help Financially. For those who participate in the Combined Federal Campaign or the United Way, ECHO is a member of both. ECHO's CFC number is 74224 and their United Way number is 8426. If you sometimes shop at Amazon, Grace is now registered with the Amazon Smile Foundation. If you shop at Amazon, go first to <https://smile.amazon.com> before signing in. Select "Grace Presbyterian Church Springfield" as your chosen charity, and 0.5% (50¢ per \$100) of your purchase cost will be donated to Grace. (This information implies no endorsements.)

GRACE EVENTS TODAY AND BEYOND

Pub Theology - Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. Join us for the last gathering before Christmas at Delia's (6715, Backlick Road). Bring a friend and join your friends as we talk about our faith in the events of the day. Are you coming? Tell Nelson.

Walk the Labyrinth - Friday, December 14, 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. The church will be open for meditation each Friday from 11:00 to 4:00 before Christmas. Plan some quiet time during Advent for a labyrinth walk or for a time of prayer in the sanctuary.

Bethlehem Simulcast at National Cathedral - Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Those interested can attend or see live streaming at youtube.com/wncathedral.

Soup Supper and Music - Sunday, December 16, 5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a special evening of hearty soups and 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 5:00, and the music in the sanctuary at 6:00. Invite a friend and bring your favorite soup and recipe to share.

Youth Christmas Party - Sunday, December 16, 5:00 p.m. All youths grades 6-12 are welcomed to the Youth Christmas Celebration hosted by the Bryants. Bring a potluck dish and a wrapped gift (\$10-15) for a wacky white elephant gift exchange. New to Grace? Want to bring a friend? All are welcome! *Parents: This is a great opportunity to drop off your youth while you attend the Soup Supper and Music event. Youth may stay at the Bryants' until 7:30-8:00, so you can pick them up after the concert.*

Pray WITHOUT CEASING



Our deep sympathy is extended to Donna Lucas upon the loss of her brother Robin Lucas on December 7th.

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

Former Member: Darwin Gregory.

Grace Preschooler: Scarlet Wesche.

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

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 Scott 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).



Pray for something that is troubling you.

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 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 am Cong. Care	10:00 am Outside Group	9:00 am Grand Involve	5:00 pm PEP	11:00 am - 4:00 pm Church open for prayer	9:30 am Bethle- hem Si- mulcast at National Cathedral	9:15 am Sunday School
7:00 pm Joyful Ringers	12:00 pm HR Staff Luncheon	9:45 am Preschool Christmas Pageant	7:30 pm Chancel Choir		11:00 am Grace Knitters	10:30 am Worship - Christmas Canticles
7:00 pm Tutoring	6:30 pm Woman's Club	6:00 pm Art Guild				11:30 pm Fellowship
8:00 pm Outside Group	7:00 pm HR	6:00 am Children's Discipleship				12:00 pm Children's Choir
	7:30 pm Finance	7:30 pm Special Funds				5:00 pm Soup Supper and Concert
	7:30 pm Pub Theo.					



***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. New class forming in January 2019.

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
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tion or a tour.

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