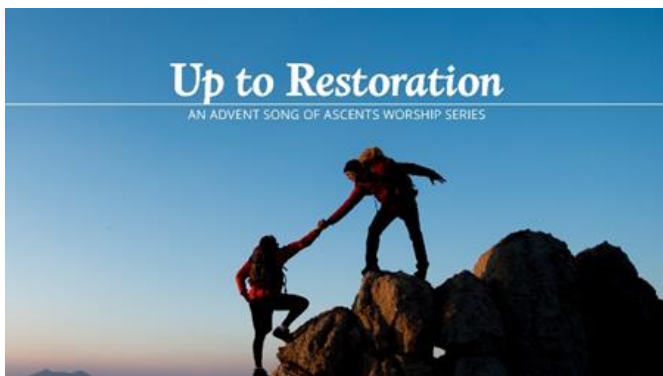


## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – November 27, 2022 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *“O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!” – Isaiah 2:5*

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Kristin Britt  
Steve Hilton  
Mike Marsland  
Lisa Teachout  
and Julie Marsland

## **Order of Worship**

\*Welcome and Opening Prayer

### **Advent Candle Lighting:**

Reader One: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

**Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.**

Reader One: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths.'"

**Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.**

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: In the last days

**People: We will beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks.**

Leader: So, in these days, we will turn around the camera of our self-centered selfies

**People: To take a long, loving look at the face of Christ in others.**

Leader: So, in these days, we will upturn the podium of our calculated competitiveness

**People: And elevate the least among us.**

Leader: So, in these days, we will dismantle the walls of our fear, which keep at arm's length the refugees, the foreigners, the homeless,

**People: And build them homes with those same bricks and these same arms.**

**ALL: Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Opening Hymns:

- #211 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- #196 - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Scriptures: Psalm 122 and Isaiah 2:1-5

Kids Message

Message: "Up to Restoration"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: God of Wonders

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Songs:

- More Love, More Power
- Every Move I Make

\*Announcements

\*Blessing *(\*Please stand if you are able.)*

### **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. The way of peace is the call today. In what ways can you better live with peace in your life, bearing witness to the power of God's peace to others?
- 2) *Pray*. Who do you know that most needs to know God's peace in their lives? Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance on ways to share this peace with them.
- 3) *Study*. Read Isaiah 6:9-12. What will life soon be like for God's people? What was the cause of these consequences?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

To go a little deeper  
with these readings  
each day this week,  
please go to:  
[pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

**Next Sunday's Message:** “Stand as a Signal” - Join us next Sunday as we are invited to make a declaration, to stand as a signal of hope. Heeding the call of John the Baptist found in Matthew 3 to “produce fruit worthy of repentance” we strive for a new way of living. Isaiah paints a beautiful picture of the time to come, when a shoot from Jesse’s stump will bring peace to the earth. And in Romans we unpack that a bit more,

**This Week at Grace:**

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School –Education Wing
- Sunday – 6:00 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM – Art with Heart
- Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Grief Support Group – Church
- Wednesday – 1:00 PM – Grief Support Group – Piedmont CC
- Wednesday – 6:00 PM – Grace Small Group – Fellowship
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Men’s Study – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women’s Study – Fellowship Hall

**Announcements:**

Our November Mission has been gathering supplies and donations to provide Hygiene Kits for the Hope Center. Our December Mission will be our Piedmont Valley Schools.

There is information for several holiday events on the bulletin board. Check them out!

Please consider signing up to serve on a Sunday morning. Simply choose a Sunday that is convenient for you and sign up on the sheets opposite the drinking fountains!

Please also consider volunteering to commit from 10:30AM to 12:30PM once a month to Feeding South Dakota’s effort to end hunger in our state. You can help by loading food into vehicles or directing traffic. There are openings on the first Monday of each month starting in January. Link to sign up:

[Piedmont Mobile Distribution - Our Lady of the Black Hills | Feeding South Dakota \(galaxydigital.com\)](https://galaxydigital.com)

**May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!**