

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day



Meditation Verse: *“And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.” – John 1:14*

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: In this season of waiting, of longing, of looking for you to come into our world, we are seeking light.

Leader: In our own lives

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our neighborhoods

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our families

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our work

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In Grace

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our nation

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In our world

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: In _____ *[add your own longings]*

People: We are seeking light.

Leader: Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door will be opened. Ask and it will be given to you.

People: Jesus Christ you are the light of the world. May we have eyes to see you and ears to hear you. Come into our world today. Amen.

Scriptures: John 1:1-14

*Hymn #246 - Joy to the World

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymns: #240 - Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Kids Message

Message: "The Yes/And of Jesus"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Hymn #2051 - I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymns:

- #229 - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Announcements

*Closing Hymn: #251 - Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Blessing

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow*. Think back to times when God has given (or tried to give) you a sign, a word, or a whisper to guide you. How did (or could've) growth come from these times when God reached out to you?

2) *Pray*. Who do you know that could use a little more God this week? Pray for God's guidance concerning how you could be that this week.

3) *Study*. Read Isaiah 9:1-7. How would these words encourage Joseph as he decided what to do with Mary and what to do when the "inn" refused them lodging? How do these words give you hope?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

To go a little deeper
with these readings
each day this week,
please go to:
pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message:

Join us next Sunday for "Coming Together in 2023." We begin a new year together by reflecting on the passage of time and the lessons we learn through our experiences and encounters. Time is a gift and what we fill it with is our response to that gift. The wise men, or magi, came and in a moment knew – in that moment, in that encounter – they knew it would change their lives forever, so they gave an offering of treasures and of self. Looking forward into 2023, we too are invited to give a gift of great worth: our lives.

This Week at Grace:

- Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Grief Support Group – Church
- Wednesday – 1:00 PM – Grief Support Group – Piedmont CC
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Men's Study – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Our December Mission is our Piedmont Valley Schools.
The January Mission will be Women and children's Home.

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! Thank you for serving.

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!