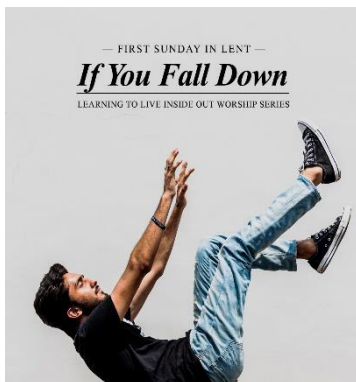


Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – February 26, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.” – John 3:5*

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Order of Worship

*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Why have we gathered today?

People: We gather to confess our sins and bring a sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart to God, who forgives us and frees us for joyful obedience. Today, we join one another and Christ on the road to the cross and commit ourselves to the Lenten journey ahead of us. May we be faithful to keeping a Lenten fast of justice, charity, and flourishing before God, self, and neighbor.

*Hymn #2112 – Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Opening Scriptures: Psalm 51:2-9 and Isaiah 58:1-4, 7, 9-12

Imposition of Ashes & the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings
- Hymn #382: Have Thine Own Way

Prayer for Lent

*Passing of the Peace

Scriptures: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11

Kids Message

Message: "If You Fall Down"

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song: I Will Follow

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

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. As you have matured in faith, what new temptations have you encountered in your life?
- 2) *Pray*. Who do you know that falls for Satan's tricks and lies? Cover them in prayer this week.
- 3) *Study*. Read Luke 6:27-36. How do these words of Jesus change how you might look at someone you know who is really struggling with temptation or sin?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Give Me Water" - We're thirsty this week - thirsting for the living waters that Jesus spoke about to the woman at the well. Water is essential to life itself. Droughts scare us. The Israelites quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink!" They issued an ultimatum: "Give us water or get out!" But God says to Moses, "I will stand before you." God will provide. In our New Testament passage, Jesus comes across all the barriers. He meets us in a shared need. Jesus never seems to need a lot of response. We don't have to understand completely. We just have to want it. Join us for worship!!

This Week at Grace:

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Education Wing
- Sunday – Youth - Painting "Empty Bowls" – meet at 3:30 pm
- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM Art with Heart
- Tuesday – 6:15 PM – Teams / 7:00 PM Leadership Meeting
- Wednesday – 1:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Thursday – 5:30 PM – Men's Study – Fellowship Hall
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Our February Mission of the Month is Camps/Mission. March will be “Shower with Hope” – an outreach to those on the streets in Rapid City.

Congratulations to Roy Kottwitz (1st place), Nancy Tryon (2nd place), and to the Pfister family (door prize) from our Chili Cook-Off contest. Thanks to all who baked... the Sweet Eats and Treats Auction raised just over \$2,300 for camp/missions.

The Girl Scouts will have Cookies available to after church today. Let's support our Scouts!

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!!