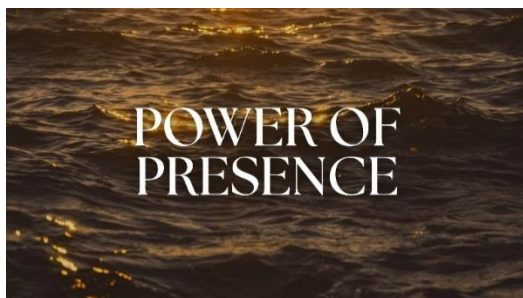


Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – January 11, 2026 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse: *“I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason. I will grasp your hand and guard you, and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations.”*

-Isaiah 42:6-7

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: #393 – Spirit of the Living God

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

People: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Leader: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

People: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Leader: Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

People: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

People: We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

*Passing of the Peace

Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17

Celebration of Baptism

*Remembrance of Baptism

#252 – When Jesus Came to Jordan

#2252 – Come, Be Baptized

Kids Message

Message "Power of Presence"

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song: Jesus Messiah

*Blessing

*(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. How might opening your eyes to the injustice and marginalization present in our world today lead to growth in your faith and in your discipleship?
- 2) *Pray*. Who do you know that is searching for a relationship with Jesus (whether they know it or not)? Pray for you to be a part of them inviting Jesus into their life.
- 3) *Study*. Read John 1:26-34. What does this text about baptism add to what we learned from this week's reading in Matthew 3:13-17?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Jan. 12 – Isaiah 49:1-4

Jan. 13 – Isaiah 49:5-7

Jan. 14 – Psalm 40:1-4

Jan. 15 – Psalm 40:5-11

Jan. 16 – 1st Corinthians 1:1-9

Jan. 17 – John 1:29-34

Jan. 18 – John 1:35-42

To go a little
deeper into the
reading for
each day this
week, go to
pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: "Give You as Light" – In Isaiah 49, God is speaking about a king and about... us! We are called into humble service. We are the ones to carry Christ's light out into the world. Often, we do not feel up to the task. Even though the task is beyond us and the vision is bigger than us, we serve and walk alongside a God who will see the project to completion.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. - 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – SS Room
- Sun. - 9 AM – Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Mon. - 3 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall
- Tues. - 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall
- Wed. - 7:45 AM – Women’s Small Group – SS Room
- Wed. - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Wed. - 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- Thur. - 5:30 PM – Men’s Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies’ Bible Study - Chapel

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Sat. - Jan. 17th – 9 AM – Service Saturday

Announcements:

Congratulations on your decision to be baptized today! We welcome Jared Randall, Jaxon Randall, and Keith O’Neill into the baptized body of Jesus Christ!!

The Mission of the month for January is
CISS – Crisis Intervention Shelter Services - Sturgis.

To make a one-time gift to Grace UMC or to the Mission of the Month (or to set up a recurring gift), please scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity and support!



Please check the sign-up sheets across the hall from the drinking fountains to see when YOU could serve as a greeter, reader, or treat provider.

Please keep food and drinks in Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

May God bless you throughout the coming week!!