

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – December 7, 2025 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: "In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!"

- Matthew 3:1-2

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #2071 – Jesus, Name Above All Names

Call to Worship:

Leader: Beloved, we gather to remember who we are, not who the world tells us to be.

People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits,

Leader: We recall the story of God's people, how God had called us to live in peace and righteousness in a world full of conflict and twisted morality.

People: We tell the story together of the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: We recount the story of our journey with God, The moments of God's provision. God's prodding, And God's prophetic guidance.

People: We tell the story together of the day that the earth awaits.

Leader: We gather to repent and return anew to God's story that guides our lives to work for peace and flourishing for all God's creation.

People: We gather to tell the story of the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Song: #2186 – Song of Hope

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn #211, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Verse 5 and Chorus

Scriptures: Matthew 3:1-12

Kids Message

Message: "Signs and Stories"

Holy Communion

- Communion Songs: Word of God Speak & Christmas Offering

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Song: Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

*Blessing

(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow.* How is repentance currently linked to your experience of salvation? How was it different in the past? What led to your change in understanding?
- 2) *Pray.* Who are today's "Pharisees and Sadducees" - people who talk the talk but fail to walk the walk? Spend some time in prayer for new depths of relationships with Jesus.
- 3) *Study.* Read John 3:13-17. Why do you think Jesus thought he needed to be baptized? And... How does God speak verse 17 over you again and again?

This Week's Scripture Readings:

- Dec.8 – Isaiah 35:1-7
- Dec. 9 – Isaiah 35:8-10
- Dec. 10 – Matthew 11:2-6
- Dec. 11 – Matthew 11:7-11
- Dec. 12 – Psalm 146:5-10
- Dec. 13 – Luke 1:46-55
- Dec. 14 – James 5:7-10**

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

Next Sunday's Message: "Signs and Truth" – Isaiah reminds us – the ransomed ones, the ones purchased with a price – that one day we will come home, home to a place of joy and abundance, Jesus offers to turn that 'some day' vision into a present day reality. He assured a troubled John the Baptist just as he assures us today, inviting us to have joy, a taste of 'some day' here and now.

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 Year Study – Fellowship Hall
- Fri. - 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study - Chapel

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Dec. 14 – 9 AM – Children's Christmas Program
- Dec. 16 – 6:15/7 PM – Teams/Leadership meetings
- Dec. 20 – 9 AM – Service Saturday – meet at Church
- Dec. 21 – 6 PM – Blue Christmas Service – Chapel
- Dec. 24 – 1:30 & 4 PM – Christmas Eve Worship

Announcement

The Mission of the Month for December is Piedmont Valley Elementary & Stagebarn Middle School.

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!!