

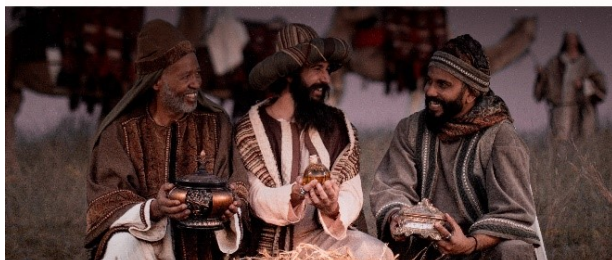
## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – January 1, 2023 – 9:00 am

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

GOD OF THE DARK & THE LIGHT WORSHIP SERIES

REMY THREW 2/1/22



**Meditation Verse:** : *“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” – Matthew 2:11*

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Lisa Teachout

and Julie Marsland

## Order of Worship

\*Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn #140 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### Call to Worship:

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun –

**People: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.**

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future –

**People: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.**

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement –

**People: O Lord, remind us that you lead us. O Lord,  
guide us as we look to you and worship you. Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymns:

- #237 - Sing We Now of Christmas

- #254 - We Three Kings of Orient Are

Scriptures: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 and Matthew 2:1-12

Kids Message

Message: "Covenanting Together in 2023"

Holy Communion and the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Great Are You Lord

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Song:

- Offering (*Christmas Version*)

\*Announcements

\*Blessing

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

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. As you consider entering a covenant with Christ, what might you have to give up or add in to commit to a deeper walk of faith this year?
- 2) *Pray*. When or in what circumstances will you most struggle to live obediently and faithfully throughout 2023? Who can you ask for prayer from in these times?
- 3) *Study*. Read Luke 3:10-18. Like John did with the crowd, what barrier in your life would John address if he appeared on your doorstep?

### Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

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

### **Next Sunday's Message:**

"The Water's Fine" - In this week's scripture, John the Baptist says, "Come on in; the water's fine!" Some folks joined him. Others remained on the shore. When Jesus climbed down to bank and into the river, John was shocked. He thought that Jesus should be the one blessing, that Jesus should be the one baptizing. But what Jesus was saying was, "I want my ministry, my life, my witness to be one about becoming a part of the body, about joining up with the kingdom of God." Through baptism we too join something larger than ourselves, larger than our faith community. We join the body of believers. Join us Sunday at 9 am as we say, "Come on in; the water's fine!"

**This Week at Grace:**

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Education Wing
- 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 January Mission of the Month is the "Women's 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!!**