

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Wednesday – December 24, 2025 – 1:30 and 4 PM



Meditation Verse: *"Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger."*  
-Luke 2:11-12

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## **Order of Worship**

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: #221 – In the Bleak Midwinter

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Beloved, on this day/night, we gather to enliven the story once again of God who came to dwell among us as a vulnerable baby.

**People: We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.**

Leader: We remember the stable, the animals, and the manger that witnessed the arrival of Emmanuel, God with us.

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Leader: We recall the angels who announced the Messiah's birth to the Shepherds, those most unlikely witnesses to God's glory.

**People: We rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits.**

Leader: In our remembering and enlivening, we gather today as people of God's promise, witness to God's glorious presence among us in the vulnerable, forgotten, and tucked away places of the world.

**People: We gather to rejoice in the day that all the earth awaits, the day that has already come and will yet be. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Song: Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn #211, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

-Verse 1 and Chorus

Scriptures: Luke 2:1-20

Kids Message

Message: "Signs and Glory"

\*Song of Response: Oh, What a Glorious Night

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Hymn #240 – Silent Night

\*Blessings

\*(Please stand as you are able)

### **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. Like the shepherds, what are you keeping watch over? What will you make room for as a response to the birth of Christ? How would this help your faith grow?
- 2) *Pray*. Spend some time in prayer this week, during a quiet time in the day, simply being in the presence of the one who came into the world to save and rescue the world.
- 3) *Study*. Read Luke 2:25-38. How are the responses of Simeon and Anna further evidence or signs of God's glory? How might your life better reflect this worship of the Savior?

### **This Week's Scripture Readings:**

Dec. 22 – Isaiah 52:7-10

Dec. 23 – Hebrews 1:1-12

Dec. 24 – John 1:1-14

Dec. 25 – Isaiah 63:7-9

Dec. 26 – Psalm 148

Dec. 27 – Hebrews 2:10-18

**Dec. 28 – Matthew 2:13-23**

To go a little  
deeper into the  
reading for  
each day this  
week, go to  
[pastorjohnb.org](http://pastorjohnb.org)

Next Sunday's Message: "Signs and Powers" – We often find ourselves in a world gone awry – there is no room for the message of Christ, no room for grace, peace, and joy. Yet there are do many needs, so many requests to be filled. But the compassion to respond, to make room in our hearts and our worlds, it can be hard to find amidst *this* world. So, Matthew offers us the hope of a Savior.

### This Week at Grace

- Dec. 25–27 – Church Offices are closed.

### Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Week of Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School, Grace Kids...  
Resume on their normal schedules

### Announcements

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 the Fellowship Hall! Thank you!!

**May God bless you throughout the coming week!!**