

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – January 8, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *“But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” – Matthew 3:15*

### Grace United Methodist Church

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John Britt  
Phyllis Stevens  
Kelly Carter

Cindy Puckett  
Barb Walker  
Kristin Britt  
Steve Hilton  
Mike Marsland  
Lisa Teachout  
and Julie Marsland

## **Order of Worship**

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn: #189 - Fairest Lord Jesus

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Voice of God prods our hearing.

**People: The activity of God stretches our seeing.**

Leader: Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

**People: From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #393 - Spirit of the Living God

Scriptures: Matthew 3:13-17

Baptism of Beck Powers

Kids Message

Message: "The Water's Fine"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings  
and Remembrance of our Baptism  
- Song: Jesus Messiah

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Songs:  
- Nothing But the Blood  
- 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

\*Announcements

\*Blessing

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

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. Living in covenant community is what we are called to do. How has doing so brought you to where you are in your faith today?
- 2) *Pray*. Surrounding one another, living as co-examples of Christ, we cover one another in prayer too. From church today, who can you pray for this week?
- 3) *Study*. Read Romans 12:1-8. How do these words speak to something larger than ourselves? How do they encourage us to live within a community of faith?

### Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

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

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

"Not Lacking" - Paul's letter to the Corinthians is to a group of Christians who considered themselves better than the average believer. Paul reminds them that they were "called to be saints." For Paul, though, the word 'saint' meant someone who recognized their need for a savior. So Paul was asking them to examine their behavior to see if they still fit that definition. He also wanted to remind the Corinthians that they were part of something larger than themselves. In this way we too are invited to look within as we too are reminded that we are called to be saints. Join us next Sunday as we learn of our need for a savior, as we learn to be the church, and as we learn to live as the saints that we are called to be.

**This Week at Grace:**

- Sunday – 8:00 AM – Adult Sunday School – Education Wing
- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM – Art with Heart
- 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.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of: Beck Elyse Powers

Born June 11, 2022 in Rapid City

Parents: Colton & Courtney Powers

Grandparents: Shawn & Cadena Powers, Al & Darlene Keller

Godfather: Teal Schmidt

Godmothers: Emma Powers & Shanea Schmidt

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