

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!
Sunday – December 21, 2025 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *"She will give birth to a son,
and you will call him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."
- Matthew 1:21*

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn #3047 – God Almighty, We Are Waiting

Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, God calls to us, - like Joseph – through angels and messengers, inviting us to listen for the Spirit's guidance in the midst of half-truths and distractions.

People: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: Sometimes, angels surprise us (as they did Mary) with good news too fantastical to believe and yet too real – realer than real – to ignore.

People: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: For generations, God has sent signs of God's coming kingdom in unexpected places-the birth of a child, the wisdom of the lowly, the faithfulness of a carpenter.

People: We listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who calls out to us, inviting us to faithfulness as we watch, wait, and work for the day when the whole world knows the abundant love and grace of Emmanuel, God-with-us.

People: Come! Let us worship as we listen faithfully for the day that all the earth awaits.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #220 – Angels from the Realms of Glory

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn #211, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Verse 7 and Chorus

Scriptures: Matthew 1:18-25

Kids Message

Message: "Signs and Faithfulness"

*Hymn of Response: #230 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Hymn #240 – Hark the Herald Angels Sing

*Blessing

(Please stand as you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. When have you heard God's call lately? How did you respond? What did it or might it lead to? How has (or might) your faith grown as a result of responding?
- 2) *Pray*. Where might you be being invited to support, encourage... as Joseph did? Seek God's guidance in how to help others as they seek to serve the Lord.
- 3) *Study*. Read Matthew 2:13-15. How is this quintessential Joseph? How might you respond if asked to do something similar by God?

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

Christmas Eve Message: “Signs and Glory” – We are invited to slow down, to receive the gift of Christ. The shepherds were rough characters, people who were “unclean”. The angels came to them, though, to announce the birth. As the sky exploded and angels sang, soon they heard, “Fear not”. A babe in a manger, the divine come to earth. A gift that invites us into belonging, into peace.

This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 9 AM Worship (in person or online) – Sanctuary
- Wed. – 7:45 AM – Women's Small Group – SS Room
- Fri. – 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study – Chapel

Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Dec. 21 – 6 PM – Blue Christmas Service – Chapel
- Dec. 24 – 1:30 & 4 PM – Christmas Eve Worship

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 Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

May God bless you throughout the coming week!!