

## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – November 19, 2023 – 9:00 am



**Meditation Verse:** *"The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away."* – Psalm 90:10

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## **Order of Worship**

Welcome and Opening Prayer

### **Call to Worship:**

Leader: Lord, you have been our shelter and security from generation to generation.

**People: You breathed creation into being, giving shape to mountains and form to the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: You have the power to turn us back to dust; a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday to you, or like a brief moment in the night.

**People: You sweep us away like a dream, like grass which flourishes and grows in the morning, but fades and withers in the evening.**

Leader: Our frailty is revealed when we trust only in ourselves and so fail to number our days wisely.

**People: Turn to us, O God, for you alone are our hope. Have compassion on us we pray.**

Leader: Help us to begin day after day focused on your steadfast love, so that each day will be filled with joy and gladness.

**People: By your mercy and grace, O God, transform our afflictions into blessings and our wrongful ways into goodness.**

Leader: Let your work be so visible among us that your glory will be revealed now and for generations to come.

**People: May your grace, O God, enrich our lives and give meaning and purpose to our daily activities.**

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn #172 - My Jesus I Love Thee

Scripture: Psalm 90:1-12

\*Kids' Choir Song: Romans 16:19

Kids Message

Message: "How Many Shopping Days Left?"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Give Us Clean Hands

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

\*Closing Songs:

- Here I Am to Worship
- Everlasting God

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

### **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

1)*Grow*. In recent years, how have you become better at faithfully living each day? What is your next step?

2)*Pray*. As you consider the powers of this world, where are you most vulnerable? Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen you.

3)*Study*. Read Psalm 90:13-17. How do these verses extend the idea of counting our days wisely? How do they add to the wisdom already given in Psalm 90?

### **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-34

Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

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 Last Word" - Many people have uttered famous last words. We will one day perhaps have that chance – an opportunity to offer our final reflection on this life and what it is all about. Christ did that from the cross, committing himself into God's hands. In 1925, the

church spoke into the building secularization of the western world, stating, “Do what you will, but Jesus Christ will have the final word.” These words were rooted in the same belief pouring forth from Ephesians 1: Christ is enthroned above all. Jesus is our king in all times and in all places – good, bad, joyful, grief-filled. With our king, we can celebrate a victory the world cannot see, and we can hold to a hope that defies all logic. Because he is in all and over all, Christ will always have the last word – in life and in death.

### This Week at Grace

- Tuesday – 7 PM – Community Thanksgiving Service
- Wednesday - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM – Discipleship Small Group
- Friday - 6:30 AM – Women’s Study – Chapel

### **Announcements:**

November Mission of the Month is Sturgis Animal Shelter. Monetary donations will be given to the shelter to purchase needed items.

Please pick a tag (or two) off of the Angel Tree! Unwrapped gifts with their tags need to be to the church by Dec. 10.

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!!**