

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – November 26, 2023 – 9:00 am



Meditation Verse *"God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places."* – Ephesians 1:20

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship:

Leader: Jesus promised to be with us always

People: Lord, we are thankful for that promise.

Leader: In all times, this promise gives us hope.

People: Lord, we rejoice in the hope you give us.

Leader: Come and celebrate the eternal promises of Christ.

People: Lord, we are so grateful that you have given to us so much and that you promise God's presence with us always. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn #372 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

*Hymn #61 - Come Thou Almighty King

Kids Message

Message: "The Last Word"

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

- Song: Give Me Jesus

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Songs:

- Bind Us Together

- You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

*Blessing

(*Please stand if you are able.)

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

1) *Grow*. In the big scope of your faith journey, are you more of a sheep or a goat? How might the power of God be at work in you this week and in the future?

2) *Pray*. As you think about the last words that Jesus and others might say about or to you, what are your hopes? Turn this into a prayer of commitment to God.

3) *Study*. Read Mark 13:14-23. How do these words connect into this week's theme and your understandings of the end times?

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 180:1-7,17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

To go a little deeper with these readings each day this week, please go to: pastorjohnb.org

Next Sunday's Message: "Stay Tuned" - Advent can be like a familiar movie that we've seen again and again. We can rote repeat the lines, passively await what we know is coming next, look away when that part that tears us up draws near. We begin this season with the parable of the fig tree. This parable teaches us how to wait – to stay tuned, to be alert, to have a sense of urgency – even impatience. This parable calls us to ask: What life would look like if we were constantly on the lookout for the places that God is calling us to make God's forgiveness, generosity, justice, abundance, and love known? What if we entered this Advent season already out in the field, eager to receive the angel's message?

This Week at Grace

- Wednesday - 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday - 9:00 AM – Discipleship Small Group
- Wednesday - 6:00 PM – Youth Group
- Thursday - 5:30 PM – Men's Group
- Friday - 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Chapel
- Saturday – 9:00 AM – Fresh Expressions Activate Day – Fellowship Hall

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 the Angel Tree! Unwrapped gifts with their tags need to be at 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!!