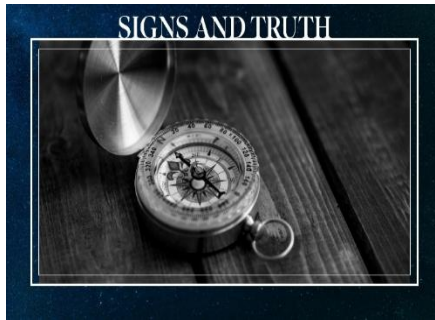


## Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Sunday – December 14, 2025 – 9:00 AM



Meditation Verse: *“Those who were blind are able to see.  
Those who were crippled are walking. People with skin  
diseases are cleansed. Those who were deaf now hear.  
Those who were dead are raised up. The poor have good news  
proclaimed to them.”*  
- Matthew 2:5

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Julie Marsland

## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn #218 – It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

\*Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn #211, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  
Verse 6 and Chorus

Scriptures: Matthew 11:2-11

Kids Message

Message: “Signs and Truth”

\*Hymn #106 – He Is Born

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Children's Christmas Program

\*Closing Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

\*Blessing

(Please stand as you are able.)

## **GPS – Grow, Pray, Study**

- 1) *Grow*. When have you seen or experienced healing or restoration or God at work in some way in your life or our world? How has this led to faith growth?
- 2) *Pray*. What kinds of “prisons” tend to bring out doubts... for you or for others regarding Jesus and their faith? Who is in this place that you can pray for this week?
- 3) *Study*. Read Matthew 11:12-19. Who do you know today who are like those Jesus speaks of in verses 16 and 17? How can you play a role in them coming to know Jesus?

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

Dec. 15 – Isaiah 7:10-13

Dec. 16 – Isaiah 7:14-16

Dec. 17 – Psalm 80:1-7

Dec. 18 – Psalm 80:17-19

Dec. 19 – Romans 1:1-7

Dec. 20 – Matthew 1:18-19

**Dec. 21 – Matthew 1:20-25**

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 Faithfulness” – Joseph has betrothed to Mary. That was Plan A – get married, have children, be a family man. An interruption occurs... on to Plan B. But at night, an angel introduces Joseph to Plan C, which sounds a lot like Plan A. But different. Joseph is invited to be a part of bringing eternal life into the world. We too are invited to set self aside for God.

### This Week at Grace

- Sun. – 8 AM – Adult Sunday School – SS Room
- Sun. – 9 AM Worship (in person or online) - Sanctuary
- Mon. – 3 PM – Grace Kids – Fellowship Hall
- Tues. – 3 PM – Art with Heart – Fellowship Hall
- Wed. – 7:45 AM – Women's Small Group – SS Room
- Wed. – 1:30 PM – Midweek Chat – Chapel
- Wed. – 5:30 PM – Youth Group – Fellowship Hall
- Thur. – 5:30 PM – Men's Bible Year Study – Fell. Hall
- Fri. - 6:30 AM – Ladies' Bible Study - Chapel

### Upcoming Happenings at Grace

- Dec. 16 – 6:15/7 PM – Teams/Leadership meetings
- Dec. 20 – 9 AM – Service Saturday –  
meet at Piedmont Library
- Dec. 21 – 6 PM – Blue Christmas Service – Chapel
- Dec. 24 – 1:30 & 4 PM – Christmas Eve Worship

### Announcement

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!!**