



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

10:00 a.m. Service *Please stand as able

November 24, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "Ode to Thanksgiving" - themes from Beethoven

Welcome and Announcements

Introit/Choral Call to Worship "Bless Us, O Lord" - Macklin

***Call to Worship**

One: O God, your Spirit composes the songs of the birds and paints the skies!

All: You give life to the weary and bring light to the darkness. You bring forth the harvest and fill our lives with goodness.

One: In Christ You create and redeem the world!

All: You give us songs of thankfulness to sing; and show us the life and the light that constantly surrounds us!

One: Grant us now, the miracle of true worship as we gather in the wonder of your love!

Hymn #158 "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

Opening Prayer *Unison*

God of Abundance, overflowing and generous, we give You thanks for gifts we celebrate and for those we often overlook. Now guide us to speak that thanksgiving in our hearts and in our voices and in the deeds of our lives. May our gratitude become a graceful living towards all your creation. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *Unison /projected*

Children's Song "Always With You" *God's Kids Choir** - Skogen-Soldner
After the song, Pre-K to 5th graders are welcome to go to Sunday school or return to sit with their families. *Laura Morrow, directing

Anthem "Asante Sana, Yesu" *Laurie Sanders, solo* - Burrows

Scripture **Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn #327

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Message

Thanksgiving, Praise and Radishes

Pastor Rory Swenson

Prayers of
the People

Following each Joy

Pastor: God is good

Congregation: All the time

Pastor: All the time

Congregation: God is good

Following each Concern

Pastor: Lord in Your mercy

Congregation: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory “We’re Gonna Worship Christ the King” *Brent Gustafson, solo* - Choplin

*Doxology - Hymn #94

Offertory Prayer *Unison*

We offer these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ. Change them, by your work, O God, into gifts of food and encouragement; into signs of hope and healing, into symbols of community and love. We give in trust and gratitude to You; Ever-giving God. Amen.

*Hymn #97

“For the Fruits”

*Benediction

*Song of Peace

Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.
May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.
May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.
God go with you, making all things new.

Postlude

“Joyful, Joyful”

- arr. Line



To give you an idea where you are at with your pledging, **statements can be found in your mailboxes.** Extra Estimate of Giving Cards/Pledge cards can be found on the small black roller cart in front of the main sanctuary doors. There is still time to get them turned in. Thank you.

RUTH VOLL CIRCLE We will be selling pies TODAY before and after the church service. They have frozen unbaked pies and already baked pies for sale for \$10.



Cards to remember the troops for the holidays can be found in the Narthex.

Please Note

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will not be taking place on December 1st, 22nd and 29th.

There will be no **Wednesday night activities** on November 27th and the office will be closed on the 28th due to Thanksgiving.

WELCOME

- **Children are welcome in worship.** We welcome the wiggles, curiosity and expressions of children in worship. Children's bulletins and crayon bags may be found in the wicker basket just outside the Sanctuary doors. Child care is provided in our well-equipped nursery for children up to the age of three during the 10:00 a.m. service.
- **Hearing assistance devices** for use during service are located at the Welcome Center.
- For your safety, please make sure that your valuables are not in plain sight and that your car doors are locked when attending any function at Grace UMC.

WORSHIP NOTES

Serving us **Today** at the 10:00 a.m. service: **Greeter:** Cara Kennedy; **Usher:** James Milne; **Sound:** Ed Sanders; **Liturgist:** John Kline; **Acolyte:** Claire Conaway; **Nursery:** Jamie Moeller and _____.

Serving us Sunday, December 1st: **Greeter:** John Podratz; **Usher:** Bill Macklin; **Sound:** Tom Litterer; **Liturgist:** Laurie Sanders; **Acolyte:** Sean Litterer; **Communion:** Mark Anderson, Steve and Diane Martin; **Nursery:** Jamie Moeller and _____.

LEWIS HOUSE: The latest 360 Communities newsletter is on the "activities in the area" kiosk. Please take a little time to read the personal stories of those who have been helped through contributions to Lewis House.

The theme for this year's **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** is "We're on the Air." It will be performed on Sunday, December 8th at the 10:00 a.m. service. Direct any questions to Paige Macklin at Hatmack67@gmail.com.

It's already time to order poinsettias for our Christmas Altar Garden. You can designate to honor or memorialize someone with your purchase. A list of these individuals will be distributed on or near Christmas. Forms for ordering are on the table in the narthex. The deadline for placing your order is Sunday, December 1st.



We will be sponsoring three families this year. A table is set up in the Narthex for this annual event. A list of gift ideas for the family members is provided. Please choose an item and put what you have chosen on the sign-up sheet. Once this is done, you can then make the purchase and bring the gift (along with the tag on the gift) back to Grace UMC. The last day for gift drop off is Sunday, December 1st. Thank you for your continuing support to this great cause. Direct your questions to Anne Marie Dunbar (annakru@hotmail.com) or Rhonda Brown (rhondamichellebrown@gmail.com.)

11/24 SUN	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School in Room #6	
	9:30 am	Coffee and Treats in the Narthex	
	10:00 am	Worship Service	
	10:10 am	Nursery & Children's SS	
	11:30 am	Confirmation	
11/26 TUE	11:00 am	Bible Study with Rory in Room #6	
	6:00 pm	Scouts	
11/27 WED		No Children's Activities or Supper	
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice	
11/28 THUR		Office Closed	
	7:30 pm	AA	
11/29 FRI	6:15 am	Men's Fellowship/Cracker Barrel	
	8:00 pm	AA	
11/30 SAT	9:30 am	Al-Anon	
	12:00 pm	Friends, Fellowship & Food at Doolittles Woodfire Grill	

If you purchased any items from the *Boy Scouts*, they will be delivered **TODAY**. Payment will be collected at the time of pickup. Thanks for your support!

CHANGE IN PLANS: Kindly join us on **Sunday, December 1st** after the service to help **decorate the church** for Advent and our journey toward Christmas. There's something for everyone. We especially are in need of men to help with putting up the large tree in the Sanctuary. Feel free to bring a snack or something to hold you over.



The Adult Christmas Cantata will take place on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

GATHERING AT THE PASTOR'S HOUSE: Pastor Rory and Beth would like to invite church members to sign up for a Sunday afternoon at the pastor's house. This is an opportunity for us to get to know each other better. We will have coffee and punch. We ask each family to bring a small appetizer or treats to share. We will gather from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and each go around the circle to introduce ourselves. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the Narthex. It would be great if you joined group that you aren't as familiar with.

Gathering Dates: Dec.1st & 8th; Jan.12th, 19th & 26th

**Next Weekend
Is Sandwich
Sunday**



There will be coolers in the Narthex where prepared sandwiches can be placed as well as in the freezer in the hallway by the kitchen. Thanks for contributing to this worthy cause.