



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

December 15, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” - Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit/Choral Call to Worship “The Advent of Our God is Nigh ” - Butler

***Call to Worship**

One: The light is brighter still! We see the Advent light of hope and peace!

All: **Today we see the light of Joy!**

One: In this light, I see angels singing! Mary is rejoicing. Music is all around.

All: **This is a time for carols and choirs, holy hymns and songs of praise.**

One: Come and worship! Everyone is welcome. This is light of joy to the world!

Lighting the Advent Candle *JOY*

ADVENT CANDLE SONG *PAIGE MACKLIN*

REFRAIN
Light the can- dle, light the can- dle, light the can- dle to- day.

We ce- le- brate a new be- gin- ning and Chist- mas on its way! *Fine*

VERSE 1
Light a can- dle for hope like the old pro- phe- cy

Of a sav- ior to come and set his peo- ple free. *D.C. al Fine*

Refrain: Light the candle, light the candle, light the candle today. We celebrate a new beginning and Christmas on it’s way!

Verse 1: Light a candle for hope like the old prophecy, of a savior to come and set his people free.

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Verse 2: Light a candle for peace, that Christ came to bring. In Bethlehem born, our Savior and King.

Refrain: Light the candle, light the candle, light the candle today. We celebrate a new beginning and Christmas on it's way!

Verse 3: Light a candle for the joy God has given each one, in our Savior and King, who is God's only Son.

Refrain: Light the candle, light the candle, light the candle today. We celebrate a new beginning and Christmas on it's way!

Prayer for Guidance *Unison*

God of all sounds, You are the harmony of creation and the music of the spheres. Your love sings within each one of us. Sometimes it is low and silent. Sometimes loud and jubilant! In worship and prayer, may we be attune to your Spirit, in whatever pitch we may hear. Amen.

During the singing of the Hymn, the children Pre-K through 5th grade may head to Sunday school or return to their seats to enjoy the CANTATA with their families.

Hymn #238 "Angels We Have Heard on High" verses 1, 2 and 4

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *Unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

"Noel"

- Guilmant

Offertory Prayer

May these gifts bring joy to others. The joy of being loved and welcomed, the joy of being safe and warm. We give from the joy we have in following Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Doxology - Hymn #94**



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***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

“The Herald Angels”

- arr. Stults

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 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**: **Greeter**: Maria Hartle; **Usher**: James Milne; **Sound**: Ed Sanders; **Liturgist**: Steve Martin; **Acolyte**: Avery Ristow; **Nursery**: Jamie Moeller and _____.

Serving us Sunday, December 22nd: **Greeter**: Gloria Hanson; **Usher**: Rhonda Brown; **Sound**: Dave Chmielewski; **Liturgist**: Carol Greibrok; **Acolyte**: Chmielewski; **Nursery**: Jamie Moeller and _____.



WORTH NOTING: For those of you who donated or volunteered at the Red Cross Blood drive, we recently found out that the blood donated is helping patients at the following hospitals: Sacred Heart-Eau Claire; Abbott Northwestern; St. Croix Regional Medical Center; Mayo Clinic Health System-Fairmont; University of Minnesota Medical Center-East Bank.

Tuesday, December 24th;
Wednesday, December 25th;



Tuesday, December 31st;
and Wednesday, January 1st

As you can see, our annual **GIVING TREE** is up in the Narthex and decorated with ornaments. A “wish list” of needs for our church has been gathered and can be found on these ornaments. If you would like to give something extra to Grace this Christmas season, just take an ornament from the tree with the item you intend to give. When your gift is complete, simply place it under the tree. There are a few ornaments remaining. Items on the tree include supplies for our education area, church office, kitchen, program needs, nursery, and other building items. Your gift is greatly appreciated!

Ruth Voll Circle will not be meeting during the months of January and February.

12/15 SUN	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School in Room #6
	9:30 am	Coffee and Treats in the Narthex
	10:00 am	Worship Service/Adult Cantata
	10:10 am	Nursery & Children's SS
	11:00 am	Confirmation
	4:00 pm	Christmas Caroling and Potluck
12/16 MON	3:00 pm	Last Ruby's Party at Glendale UMC
12/17 TUE	11:00 am	Bible Study with Rory in Room #6
	6:30 pm	Scouts
12/18 WED	5:30 pm	Supper in Fellowship Hall
	6:00-6:30 pm	Grace Kid's and Grace Youth Christmas Party
	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
12/19 THUR	6:30 pm	Book Group Christmas Party at Cara Kennedy's Home
	6:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	7:30 pm	AA
12/20 FRI	6:15 am	Men's Fellowship/Cracker Barrel
	8:00 pm	AA
12/21 SAT	9:30 am	Al-Anon

**THIS WEEK
AT A
GLANCE**

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

An **Admin. Board Meeting** will NOT be taking place during the month of December.

Christmas Caroling & After Party: You are invited to join the choir members for our annual tradition of Christmas caroling with our church friends. We will meet at the church **TODAY** at 4:00 p.m. For more details see December's Grace Notes.

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:** January 12th, 19th and 26th



The Ruth Voll Circle would like to thank all the wonderful women who helped us to make 61 apple pies on Saturday, November 23rd. It's hard work but we had fun! And we are especially grateful for the members of the church congregation who bought all those pies on Sunday, November 24th. The money raised will be used for local church projects and missions.