



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.

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit

November 28, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service

For everyone's safety, please wear a mask for today's service.



Prelude "Hark, the Glad Sound" -arr. Manz

Welcome and Announcements

***Choir Call to Worship** "Advent of Our God is Nigh" - Butler

***Call to Worship** *by Rev. Dr. Derek C. Weber; adapted by Pastor Amana*

One: Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,

All: A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.

One: We know deep within that our hopes and fears

All: Will soon be met by angel songs and the sigh of a baby.

One: It is Advent -

All: A season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

One: It is Advent -

All: It's time to go home.

Advent Candle Reading and Lighting ~ Hope (Ardith and Ray Walker)

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*

Prayer of Advent Guidance *in unison* - by *Henri J. Nouwen*

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen.

Anthem

“Waiting“

- Althouse

Time with Gods Kids—Paige Macklin

Hymn #202

“People Look East” verses 1 and 2

Time of Silence

Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-18; Luke 21:25-36 - CEB trans.

“‘Watch for this: The time is coming’—God’s Decree—‘when I will keep the promise I made to the families of Israel and Judah. When that time comes, I will make a fresh and true shoot sprout from the David-Tree. He will run this country honestly and fairly. He will set things right. That’s when Judah will be secure and Jerusalem live in safety. The motto for the city will be, “God Has Set Things Right for Us.” God has made it clear that there will always be a descendant of David ruling the people of Israel and that there will always be Levitical priests on hand to offer burnt offerings, present grain offerings, and carry on the sacrificial worship in my honor.’”

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“It will seem like all hell has broken loose—sun, moon, stars, earth, sea, in an uproar and everyone all over the world in a panic, the wind knocked out of them by the threat of doom, the powers-that-be quaking.

“And then—then!—they’ll see the Son of Man welcomed in grand style—a glorious welcome! When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is on the way!”

He told them a story. “Look at a fig tree. Any tree for that matter. When the leaves begin to show, one look tells you that summer is right around the corner. The same here—when you see these things happen, you know God’s kingdom is about here. Don’t brush this off. I’m not just saying this for some future generation, but for this one, too—these things will happen. Sky and earth will wear out; my words won’t wear out.

“But be on your guard. Don’t let the sharp edge of your expectation get dulled by parties and drinking and shopping. Otherwise, that Day is going to take you by complete surprise, spring on you suddenly like a trap, for it’s going to come on everyone, everywhere, at once. So, whatever you do, don’t fall asleep at the wheel. Pray constantly that you will have the strength and wits to make it through everything that’s coming and end up on your feet before the Son of Man.”

Message

Rev. Amanda Lunemann

***Hymn #** “O, Come, O Come Emmanuel” verses 1 and 2

Pastoral Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy... **All: Hear our 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.

Offering and Consecration of Stewardship ~ *liturgy by Rev. Sarah E. Weaver and*

One: We dedicate our gifts to you, O Christ *adapted by Pastor Amanda*

All: Help us use them to glorify you; to be vessels of your work in this world.

One: We dedicate our pledges to you, O Christ.

All: Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially for the upcoming year of exciting new ministry as you work to build something new here at Grace Church.

One: Use us, O Christ, to do your work in this world.

All: Encourage us to see we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in our service and love of You. We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of the Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

*Doxology Hymn TFWS#2153 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” verses 1-4

*Blessing and Benediction

*Song of Peace *projected*

Postlude

“Noel”

- Daquin

FYI: We will not be having communion on Sunday, December 5th but will carry it over to December 12th.

THANK YOU to Paul Marzahan for supplying goodies for last Sunday’s fellowship. He is newer to Grace and we appreciate his willingness to contribute. Kindly welcome Paul. He is a former pastor.



December 5th

10:00 a.m.

2021
CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT
MASHUP



**ADULT CHRISTMAS
CANTATA**

December 19th

*Performed at the
10:00 a.m. Service*

REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: As in the past, we have the opportunity to send a holiday card to service persons at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and Ramstein AFB in Germany. You may use your own cards or some are provided on the table in the Narthex. There is no way to know if your card will go to a male or female, so please be generic with your writing. *Deadline is early December.* **DO NOT SEAL the envelopes.** Kindly place your cards in the basket. Our efforts provide comfort and encouragement to the troops and their family members.

WORSHIP HELPERS: Serving us on Sunday, December 5th ~ 10:00 a.m. service:
Greeter: Glenda Wheelock; *Usher:* James Milne; *Sound:* Robert Timmerman;
Liturgist: Rick Fossum; *Acolyte:* Halsted Brothers

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