



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

December 5, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service

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



Prelude by Gods Kids of Grace UMC

Welcome and Announcements

***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.

Hymn #211

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" verses 1 and 2

Advent Candle Reading and Lighting ~ Peace Withrow Family

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.

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!

Hymn #211 "O Come O Come Emmanuel" verse 4

Hebrew Bible Reading Malachi 3:1-4 CEB trans.

"Look! I'm sending my messenger on ahead to clear the way for me. Suddenly, out of the blue, the Leader you've been looking for will enter his Temple—yes, the Messenger of the Covenant, the one you've been waiting for. Look! He's on his way!" A Message from the mouth of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies. But who will be able to stand up to that coming? Who can survive his appearance? He'll be like white-hot fire from the smelter's furnace. He'll be like the strongest lye soap at the laundry. He'll take his place as a refiner of silver, as a cleanser of dirty clothes. He'll scrub the Levite priests clean, refine them like gold and silver, until they're fit for GOD, fit to present offerings of righteousness. Then, and only then, will Judah and Jerusalem be fit and pleasing to GOD, as they used to be in the years long ago.

Hymn #211 "O Come O Come Emmanuel" verse 6

Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6 - CEB trans.

In the fifteenth year of the rule of Caesar Tiberius—it was while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea; Herod, ruler of Galilee; his brother Philip, ruler of Iturea and Trachonitis;

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Lysanias, ruler of Abilene; during the Chief-Priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—John, Zachariah’s son, out in the desert at the time, received a message from God. He went all through the country around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins, as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet: Thunder in the desert! “Prepare God’s arrival! Make the road smooth and straight! Every ditch will be filled in, every bump smoothed out, the detours straightened out, all the ruts paved over. Everyone will be there to see the parade of God’s salvation.”

Time of Silence

Prayers of the People

**you will be invited to offer up aloud or silently the names of the people and situations with which you hold in celebration or sorrow following each short 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

“Christmas Chimes”

Dexter

***Doxology** - Hymn #94 Projected

Offertory Prayer Unison

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in peace, and we give in peace. A peace deeper than our anxiety and fear. A peace growing from our trust in your loving power. Receive these generous offerings, and use them to bring your peace to our world. Amen.

THE 2021 GRACE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT MASHUP

Songs and Dialogue by Cathy Skogen-Soldner

Selected from previous pageants, adapted and edited by Paige Macklin

“Oh, Come All Ye Faithful”

“We’re Putting On A Pageant”

“Come See the Baby Jesus/Away in a Manger”

“We Are Angels Heard On High”

“Sleep Quick, Sleep Tight”

“And the Angel Said Unto Them” –Handel, adapted ~ *Claire Conaway*

“This Will Be A Sign”

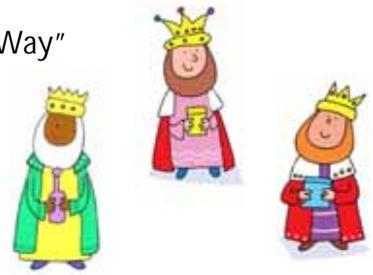
Angels Sing/We are Angels Heard On High”



“The Wisemen Had To Go A Long Way”

“Joy to the World”

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”



*Blessing and Benediction

*Song of Peace *Projected*

Postlude

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

- arr. Manz

Pageant Cast List

Scripture Reader: Angel Capard **Mary:** Meg Molitor **Joseph:** Parker Swanson
Angels: Annie Renner, Kristen Withrow, Teagan Swanson, Corinne Stopford, Claire Stopford
Shepherders: Kiera Palacio, Katie Withrow **Announcing Angel:** Claire Conoway
Sheep: Teddy Timmerman, Easton Ristow, Kaylee Palacio, Samantha Molitor
Wisemen: Ethan Rostow, Max Halstead, Samuel Timmerman
Directors: Paige Macklin and Laura Morrow **Accompanist:** Marilyn Oliphant
Special Thanks: Jeanne Finch for costumes; all parents for help with everything!

WORSHIP HELPERS: Serving us on Sunday, **December 12th** ~ 10:00 a.m. service:
Greeter: Janet Barnes; Usher: Nancy Fossum; Sound: Roy Koenigsberg; Liturgist: James Milne; Acolyte: Ristow Brothers; Communion: Mark Anderson, Alvira Zenisek, Corrine and Claire Stopford



We sincerely appreciate Dale Osborn purchasing the four large poinsettias that are on the alter. His timing was wonderful in that the volunteer who did the flower ordering and pick up in the past is not longer with us. A nice final touch.

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