

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us.
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WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

WORSHIP CHIMES

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ INVOCATION

PRELUDE "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

ADVENT HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [vs. 2]

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Matthew 3:1-12 Tom & Susan Holdren
[Light the candle of Peace]

All: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

ADVENT HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [refrain only]

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Christy Swope
(Children will go for KidsOwnWorship)

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor Mark Chow

TURN

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

INVITATION

Even so, come all you who love Jesus. Come, give thanks. Come, receive him. Come, get ready. Turn from sinful ways. Turn to God. And make peace with one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

We stop, We turn. We wait for you, God. We've sinned. We've relied on our reputations, or our accomplishments as cover. Uncover what we've hidden, Lord.

We've said we're sorry but then we didn't change a thing.

Help us truly repent, Lord.

We want to bear good fruit, to be a church that longs for your coming, ready for you.

Cleanse our hearts, Holy Spirit.

Silent confession

Hear the good news. The axe is laid at the foot of the tree. The winnowing fork is at hand. God cuts down sin's power in our lives and sweeps away our guilt. We are forgiven!

We are forgiven! Glory to God!

God has destroyed sin and death in Jesus Christ. So let us destroy every enmity among us, and rejoice in Christ's peace.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

ANTHEM "When I Kneel at the Manger Tonight" M. Beall

Grace Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 13-15

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(The Sacrament of Communion will be received by intinction this morning. You may come down the center aisles and receive the piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. For those wishing to receive the elements in the pews, simply remain seated and the communion stewards will come to you.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way, called us to turn, and fed us with your body and blood. Now send us forth to live your way in word and deed and so help make the world ready for your final coming. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*HYMN 567 "Heralds of Christ"

SENDING FORTH

Pastor – Let the Spirit continue to winnow your hearts. Let Jesus show you the way. And may the Father's love for you and all creation burst into fruit-bearing blossom.

Lay Leader – So keep turning. And keep going until the day of Christ's coming, when all creation will shout: **People – Amen!**

POSTLUDE "At the Coming of Christmas" N. Lebegue

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 15

Worship – 24, 81

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 4 Randy Cale
 December 5 Judith Cale, Korey Haddox, Kathy Kenily
 December 6 Mary Ruth Howell, Logan Young
 December 8 Shirley Luburgh
 December 9 Jeri Pocock, Tracie Sidwell

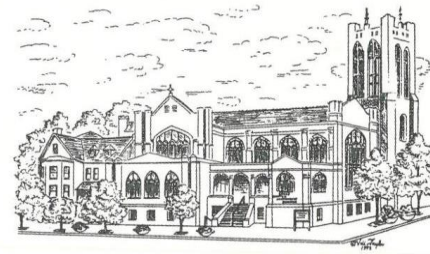
THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, December 4		
Monday, December 5	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, December 6	5:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership – Parlor
Wednesday, December 7	11:30 a.m.	OWLS – Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 8		
Friday, December 9	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, December 10	9:30 a.m.	Rehearsal for Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Family Christmas Potluck – F. Hall
	6:00 p.m.	<i>Messiah</i> – Central Trinity UMC [S. 7th St.]

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

GLOVES/MITTENS/SOCKS - With winter coming, LifeWell Free Store needs all sizes of gloves/mittens/socks. You may put them on/near the mitten trees at the rear of the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall.



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The season of Advent is a time of preparation, expectation, and anticipation.

During this Holy Season, we watch for the coming of Christ and we also turn our hearts to God.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration

Thank you to Joyce Cooper and our praise team for leading us in worship.

Gathering for Celebration

Celebration Through Praise

Lighting of the Advent Candles — Mary Mason – Sarah Burris

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – Matthew 3:1-12

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message – *Turn* — Pastor Mark Chow

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Going Forth to Celebrate

COMING SOON!

NEXT Sunday [December 11] — ONE worship celebration at **10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. Youth and children will be leading us in worship. Fellowship potluck luncheon will follow immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 18 — ONE worship celebration at **10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

Music of the Season begins at 7:15 p.m.

Communion with Candlelight begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25 — ONE worship celebration at **10:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary

NEEDED — A rocking chair and quiet toys for small children. If you have something to donate for the *Grace Space*, please see Sarah.

Thanks to our Worship Leaders this morning:

Hospitality Team — Rick & Cindy Lawyer, Dana & Cindi Swope

Usher Coordinator — Dana Swope

Elevator Attendants —

Communion Steward — Janet Hill

Nursery Care Provider — Julie McAllister

Sound Technicians — Craig Hill, Bill Woods, Dan Vincent

POINSETTIA ORDERS

They are \$7.50 each. They will be used in the sanctuary on December 18 and 24.

Please use the order form and return to the church by placing it in the offering plate or mailing (checks made payable to the church).

We need your order by December 8.

_____ number of poinsettias _____ amount enclosed

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____