

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 2, 2018

First 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. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

INTROIT "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
Grace Chancel Choir

Tony Merry
Pastor Mark
D. Smart

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!

Christy Swope

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Maryanna Fenton, Jane Trent

ADVENT HYMN 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" [vs. 1]

READER 1 – God of hope and promise, protection and strength, you made covenant with us to send your presence to earth.

READER 2 – God of hope and endurance, you foretold of the coming kingdom of God.

ALL – We, God's people, affirm your covenant with us. We stand ready, hearts full of hope, for God will fulfill the promises made to God's people. As the psalmist declares, so do we: "All the Lord's paths are loving and faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws."

READER 1 – On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of hope to remind us to stand alert and seek the kingdom of God in our midst.

Christy Swope

Light first candle.

READER 2 – Let us stand in the light of hope as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

ALL – We will prepare the way of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"The Giving Manger"

Cindy Lawyer

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Chow

Pastor

Mark

STAND

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER

God of Miracles, We praise Your Holy name and thank You for loving us.

Awaken Grace Church to Your calling...

Unleash Your power within us...

Break through our hearts and minds...so we will be open to Your God-sized plans.

Let Your light shine through us, so we may be an example of Your love to others!

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHRISTIAN WITNESS

Nick & Renee Shaw family

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON 12

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Savior of the Nations Come"

Grace Chancel Choir

arr. C. Smith

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 13-15

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(The Sacrament of Communion will be served in the pews this morning. Communion servers will bring the elements to you. When all have received, we will commune together.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*CLOSING HYMN 213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [refrain only]

POSTLUDE

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

P. Manz

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ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 12

Worship – 25, 55

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- December 2 Bert Hendley
- December 5 Korey Haddox, Kathy Kenily
- December 6 Mary Ruth Howell, Logan Young
- December 8 Shirley Luburgh

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

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| Sunday, December 2 | 2:30 p.m. | Advent Tea – Coburn UMC |
| Monday, December 3 | 6:30 p.m. | Grief Share – Parlor |
| Tuesday, December 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Girl Scouts – F. Hall |
| Wednesday, December 5 | 11:30 a.m. | OWLS – Fellowship Hall |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Staff-Parish Relations – Parlor |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| Thursday, December 6 | 9:00-3:00 | West Ohio Clergy – F. Hall |
| Friday, December 7 | 6:30 a.m. | Bible Study – Parlor |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Staff Party – Chow Home |
| Saturday, December 8 | 10:00-8:00 | Bell Ringing – Kroger |
| Sunday, December 9 | NO - 8:15 a.m. | Early Service – Fellowship Hall |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Advent Activities – F. Hall |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service – F. Hall |
| | 11:15 a.m. | Family Christmas Potluck – F. Hall |
| | 6:00 p.m. | <i>Messiah</i> – Central Trinity UMC |

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

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

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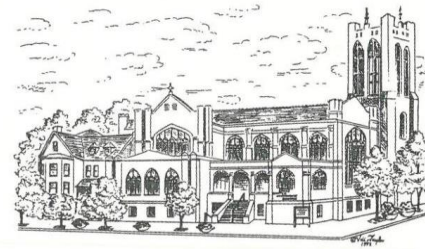
POINSETTIA ORDERS

\$7.50 each. **We need your order by December 7.**
_____ number of poinsettias _____ amount enclosed

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____



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First Sunday of Advent - "PREPARE THE WAY"

The season of Advent is a time of preparing our hearts and lives for the coming of the Messiah to transform us, and to restore all creation.
Today we are challenged to be alert and ready to stand before the Son of Man.

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 Candle – *HOPE*
Readers – Debbie Collett, Mary Mason

Celebration Through God's Word

Scripture – Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36 — Joyce Cooper
The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Message – *Stand* — Pastor Mark Chow
Breakthrough Prayer
Christian Witness — Nick & Renee Shaw Family

Celebration Through Our Gifts

Invitation, Confession and Pardon
Offering Ourselves, Our Prayers and Our Gifts to God
Offertory
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Going Forth to Celebrate

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019

.... are on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Numbers have changed for some people. Those who regularly attend the 8:15 service will find theirs in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find yours, check with Judy.

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POINSETTIA ORDERS

Now is the time to be placing your order for poinsettias for the Christmas season. They will be \$7.50 each. They will be used in the sanctuary on December 16, 23, and 24.

Please complete 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 7.

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