

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2016

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

WORSHIP CHIMES

Tony Merry

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

Todd Sands

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

D. Smart

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lexi Oldfield

Glory be to the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb

**Who was, and is, and is to come, who holds, bears, and rules all things now and forever. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN 211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [vs. 1, 2, 6, 7]

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE [Light Candle of HOPE] Dana, Cindi, Dana Swope

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Cindy Lawyer

As the children come forward, you are invited to sing –  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy Name  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your Holy Name.*

INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING

Pastor Mark

Even if we were barely watching, scarcely listening, or simply distracted by the worries of this life, we've been invited, we've been warned, we've been called to get ready. And for all this we have every reason to repent, to reconcile, and to give thanks.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess we have sinned against you, against our neighbors, and against our enemies. We have acted as if your reign were not coming as if our lives depended only on us and our plans. We have not loved you. We have harmed and disrespected those whom you love. Have mercy. Forgive us. Disrupt us. Set us on right paths, whatever it takes. Amen.**

*Silence*

#### WORDS OF PARDON

When we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And when God lifts the burden of our sin from us, we are changed. We are at peace with God through Jesus Christ. Share the peace of Christ with one another and your thanksgiving and gifts with the church and the world.

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Star Child"

S. Murray/C. Young

*Grace Chancel Choir*

\*DOXOLOGY (suggested tune of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - no. 211)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to Thee, O Israel.**

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS

Todd Sands / Lexi Oldfield

Lord, we do not know how much time we have left on this earth, but we know if we are still here, it is because of your grace and mercy.

**Thank you, Lord!**

We do not know when you will come or what lies ahead, but we know you have called us and will help us get ready.

**Thank you, Lord!**

We do not know all the ways evil will threaten and the wicked will prosper, but we know that our life and this world are pure gifts from you, and Jesus, who first came long ago in that little town of Bethlehem, is your greatest gift of all.

**Thank you, Lord!**

We do not know what rewards we will receive on earth or in heaven but we know you make it possible for us to give our whole lives to you.

**Thank you, Lord!**

#### CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Dr. Dennis Miller

WATCH

#### GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

\*CLOSING HYMN 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

F. W. Zachau

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**A ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR** is to welcome the arrival of a son, Miles Ray, born on November 21 to Chase & Sarah Tippie; grandparents are Steve & Tammy Vincent.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 21

Worship – 29, 94

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

November 27 Wanda Anderson, Carol Friel, Tina Baker  
 November 28 Mike West, Jessica Woods  
 November 29 Ann Thorne  
 November 30 Susan Cultice Brown, Nora Dunn, Kayla Gohring, C. J. Hoskinson,  
 Debbie Howard, Kevin Upton  
 December 1 Jereme Connell, Kylee Hahn, Laile McBride  
 December 2 Leigh Pierce, Bert Hendley  
 December 3 Julie Moorehead

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

Sunday, November 27	2:30 p.m.	Advent Tea – Coburn UMC
Monday, November 28	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, November 29	5:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership – Parlor
Wednesday, November 30	6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, December 1	6:00 p.m.	Outreach Comm. – Classroom
	6:30 p.m.	Staff-Parish Comm. – Parlor
Friday, December 2	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
Saturday, December 3		
Sunday, December 4	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

**VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church**

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

**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 18, 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).

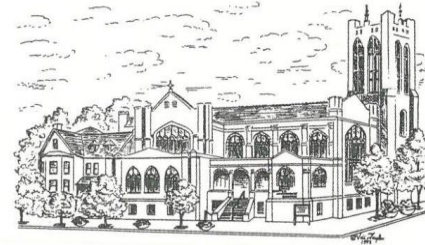
**We need your order by December 8.**

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In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



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**8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration**

*Thank you to Marcie Butterfield and our praise team for leading us in worship.*

**Gathering for Celebration**

**Celebration Through Praise**

**Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

**Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture – Matthew 24:36-44

Message – *Watch* — Dr. Dennis Miller

**Going Forth to Celebrate**

***LOOKING AHEAD ---- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!***

**December 11** --- There will be one worship service on this day at **10:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary. This service will be the children's Christmas program. The annual potluck will be held following the service.

**December 18** — ONE service at 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

**December 24** — Pre-service music at 7:15 p.m. / Service at 8:00 p.m.

**December 25** — ONE service at 10:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

**January 1** — ONE service at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Thanks** to everyone who helped to make the 9th Annual Race for Grace successful by either volunteering, participating, or giving items. We could not do it without your support! We will report the specifics of the Race in the next Grapevine. God Bless You All! *Bob Moon – Becky Woods*