

Grace United Methodist Church



December 8, 2024 - 10:00AM

Order of Worship for 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith
striving to share God's love with all.**

***Please Stand If You Are Able**

Opening Voluntary - Improvisation on "In Dulci Jubilo" by Michael Barker

Welcome/Greetings

Choral Introit

***Opening Hymn #378 – “Amazing Grace”**

AMAZING GRACE

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle - Peace

The Boyd Family

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

***Call to Worship**

L: How shall we prepare for the coming of the Lord?

P: With hearts filled with love and peace.

L: How shall we prepare for the coming of Christ?

P: With prayers filled with adoration and devotion.

L: How shall we prepare for the coming of our savior?

P: With songs filled with joy and hope.

L: How shall we prepare for the coming of God's Son?

P: With worship filled with passion and spirit.

***Opening Prayer**

God of our deliverance, you meet us in our need. You fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit. As we await your Son and the glory of your salvation, guide our feet in the ways of peace. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We need the tender mercy of your grace, Holy One, as we seek to comprehend the light of your love. Disperse the shadows in our lives and release those who sit in darkness, that they may find peace and hope in the places where fear holds sway. Come to us like a refiner's fire and fullers' soap, for we long to be purified in body and soul and made ready to see the light of your salvation. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Christ brings light to our darkness and hope to disperse the shadow of death around us. Seek the Lord and find life anew.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

The one who brings the peace that passes all understanding awaits. Share the longing for this peace as you share signs of Christ's love with one another.

BAPTISM – Hymnal Pages 33-39 The Baptismal Covenant I

~Alain Epouta~

Children's Message

Pastor Eumin Kim

Scriptures

Old Testament – Malachi 3:1-4 (New International Version)

3 "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. **2** But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. **3** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in

righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel – Luke 1:68-79 (New International Version)

⁶⁸“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—⁷²to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

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*** Hymn before Message #348 – “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”**

THOMPSON

Sermon – “Forgiveness as the Pathway to Peace”

Pastor Eumin Kim

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offering

As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us open our hearts to share gifts of love and mercy—gifts that are pleasing to our God.

Chancel Choir – “Veni Emmanuel” (Traditional)

*** Hymn No. 95 - Presentation of the Offering**

***Prayer of Dedication**

As you rescued your people of old, rescue us over and over again, Mighty One. As you purified the saints like a refiner's fire, purify our lives this day and bless the gifts we bring before you now. Through our offering, may those who sit in darkness find their way into the light of your loving arms. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #370 – “Victory in Jesus”**

HARTFORD

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Closing Voluntary - Variations on "New Britain" - Columbian Harmony

Pastor: Pastor Eumin Kim	Counting Team: Marisa Pershad/Team 1
Music Director: Drew Banzhoff	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano and Mike Provenzano
Liturgist/Reader: Earl Boyd	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett



♥†♦Family of Charles Zipperlen, ♥Yeari Kim, ♥Jasmin Whittaker, ♥Eddie Zipperlen, ♥Mary Flynn (mom) and Maureen Andersen (daughter), ♥Victims of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, ♥Priscilla Caparelli (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Manny Kurz, ♥Cecil and Carol Walker (friends of Barbara Woodford), ♥Veronica Stone (friend of Margo Morrison), ♥Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle (friend of Kim Neri), ♥David Biegler, ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Garvin Phillip (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Marilyn Eller (sister of Elaine Treske), ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥All UMW in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Milly Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske). **Note.** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

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