

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 & 10:30 AM

9:30 AM Coffee Fellowship

Pastor Bob Kandels

December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

Director of Youth & Family Ministries – Kari Schaefer

Please pass and sign the registration pads in the pews. The Outreach Ministry Team encourages everyone to wear a nametag on Sunday morning. (The * indicates standing. It is always appropriate to remain seated, if standing creates a problem.)

“Christ in Us...With Us... Through Us!”

PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*HYMN OF PRAISE “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (First 3 vs’s) No. 211

*SAY HELLO TO ONE ANOTHER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES:

The Family of Richard & Roxann Bergstrom, Hayley & Ruby Kluver (8:30 AM)
Helen Olsen & Bill Hoeft (10:30 AM)
Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
Scripture Reading for the first Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 60:2-3:
“For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”
Advent Prayer: Pastor Bob Kandels

*CALL TO WORSHIP Apostles’ Creed On screens

A CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY TO OUR CHILDREN Pastor Bob Kandels

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 64:1-4 and Matthew 1:18-23 Page 652 & Page 1

MESSAGE “Expectations” Pastor & Superintendent Mark Miller

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION: In the United Methodist Church, we believe in open communion to all the people of God regardless of gender, race, or denominational differences. We do ask all of us one important thought; as we prepare to come to God’s table, may we come with a desire to follow Jesus Christ!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION On Screens
(Silent Reflection)

PASTORAL PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

HOLY COMMUNION SERVED AT GOD’S ALTAR (Gluten-free Hosts available)

PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

GLORIA PATRI No. 71

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN “He Came Down” No. 2085

*CLOSING CHALLENGE

*POSTLUDE

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR RAILING FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Core Values Statement: Grace Church exists to introduce people to Jesus Christ and to help them grow in their relationship with Him, enabling them to be examples of Christ’s love to everyone they meet.

Ministers: Members and friends of Grace Church

Pastor: Bob Kandels

Director of Youth & Family Ministries: Kari Schaefer

Uzone Site Manager: Kelly Kandels

Administrative Assistant: Nancy Hoeft

Custodians: Gary and Marilyn Herzberg

PARTICIPANTS IN MORNING SERVICES:

Audio/Visual: David Herzberg

Organist/Pianist: Helen Olsen

Readers: Deb Thomsen

Acolytes: Lexy Frank

Greeters: Jim & Faye Paster

Ushers: Terry & Deb Thomsen
Don Frank, Gene Bast

Bill Hoeft
Alexis Stafford
Jeanette Bast, Beth Moerke
Bob Stoneburner
Gene Schultz

Counters: Mary Beek, Betty Freilinger

Flower Committee: Betty Freilinger, Donna Schmiginsky

Banner Committee: Julie Schultz

Communion Servers: Diane Fuchs, Marsha Herzberg

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Weekly Amount Needed: \$5453, Offering Total for Sunday, Nov. 25: \$3998

Thank you to all that gave so generously!

WELCOME: A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Welcome!

8:30 am Worship with Communion
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship - Serving: Jim & Betty Freilinger
 Thank you to all who bring treats each week!

9:30 am Grace Church Conference - ALL INVITED

9:30 am Sunday school for Youth—No Adult SS
10:30 am Worship with Communion
11:30 am SPRC meet with Mark Miller in Fireside Room
5:30 pm Volleyball @ Paynesville Elementary Gym

ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH CONFERENCE TODAY in Fireside Room at 9:30. We also vote on moving forward with the HCI potential ministry here at Grace Church.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE will be in Fellowship Hall this week due to the Church Conference. This is only for K-8, as preschooler's will still be in their room.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to David Herzberg! His birthday was yesterday, December 1. Be sure to wish him well!

UZONE ENDOWMENT: Payments can be made at any time; please make sure you write out the check to the Uzone Endowment Fund, so that it gets credited to the right fund.

DECEMBER MISSIONS will be going to the Uzone Outreach Ministry. Our congregation underwrites the majority of the Uzone budget through mission monies, grants, and special offerings. Please give generously to this mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday

4:00 pm WedGE Meal Planning meeting – Fireside Room
6:30 pm New Firetruck Blessing @ the Fire Hall

Tuesday

10:00 am Bible Study in Sanctuary Room
6:00 pm SPRC Meeting - Fireside Room
7:00 pm Recovery Ministry

Wednesday

5:15 pm GUMppets
5:30-6 pm Confirmation Class-Grades 7&8
6:00 pm WedGE Meal
6:30-8 pm WedGE – Christmas Program practice

Thursday

7:00 am Grace Men's Group @ Hilltop
11:30 am PACF Annual Christmas Dinner @ Paynesville Lutheran Church

Friday

6:30 pm Christmas Staff party @ Pastor Bob's

Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Volleyball @ Elem Gym

Dec. 3

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Dec. 4

Bible Study in Sanctuary Room
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Recovery Ministry

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