

~Morning Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - December 2nd, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

10:45 AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*December 8th, Alred's Christmas Party (!) at 6:30 PM.

*Special Weds Night, Youth Christmas play and pot luck on December 12th at 5:30 PM

**Room in the Inn* night - Friday night, December 14th

*Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service, 12/24 at 5:00pm

Meditation - Matthew 2:6 and 1 Timothy 3:16

““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a Ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,

vindicated by the Spirit,

seen by angels,

proclaimed among the nations,

believed on in the world,

taken up in glory.

Call to Worship - Isaiah 9:2,6

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

For to us a Child is born,

to us a Son is given;

and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

and His name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Invocation

Children's Christmas Program

Away in a Manger

Silent Night

Twinkle Star

Shepherd's Baaa

Joy to the World

Go Tell It On the Mountain

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

[Children preK-1st grade are dismissed for Children's Church]

***Christmas Carol** - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #196 vs 1,4

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Latta

“The Birth of Jesus Foretold” - Luke 1:26-38

***Christmas Carol** - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #194 vs 1,3,4

Ministry of Prayer - RE Brad Hood

Worshipping God with His Tithes and Our Offerings

Ministry of the Word - “Christmas Through the Eyes of Elizabeth”

Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-66

Rev. Jackie D. Gaston

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response** - O Come All Ye Faithful #208 vs 1,3,4

Receiving of New Members - Mr. and Mrs. Tiger McKee

***Benediction**

Postlude

* those who are able, please stand.

+If you would like to speak with someone about how to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please see the pastor or elders after the service.

+All musical lyrics used by permission, CCLI #2815163

Christian Education Offerings

Sundays at 9:30 AM:

*Adult Class - *Colossians* led by Wesley Lewis in Room 3

*Senior Adult Class - *You Are What You Worship* led by Rev.

Caleb Ehmke in Room 1

Wednesday's at 6:30 PM:

*Women's Class - *Hebrews*, led by Mary Shea Gaston, in Room 3

*Pastor's Class - *Great Prayers of the Bible*, in sanctuary with

Jackie

Small Groups

*Wednesday at Noon, Mens Group in Fellowship Hall, BYOL,

A Study of the Psalms

*Thursday at 9:30 AM Ladies Group at Carin Roeder's house on

Isaiah.

Session Meeting - 2nd Sunday of the month at 8:00 AM in the library.

Deacons Meeting - quarterly, TBA

SERMON NOTES:

~Evening Service of Worship~

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Call to Worship - John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Invocation

***Ministry of Music -**

O Little Town of Bethlehem #201

Away in a Manger #204

What Child is This? #213

Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

New Testament Reading - Luke 2:1-7

Ministry of Prayer

Ministry of the Word - "Christmas Through the Eyes of Mary"

Luke 1:26-38, 46-56

Rev. Jackie D. Gaston

***Hymn of Response - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (#377)**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,

Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean death of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother — All who live in love are Thine;

Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

***Benediction**

Postlude

SERMON NOTES:

Grace Fellowship Church



Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Pastor - Rev. Jackie D. Gaston

Assistant Pastor - Rev. Caleb Ehmke

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Our Mission: To MAKE and MATURE disciples of Jesus Christ
Our Vision: To see disciples of Christ GATHER to the ministries of the Church to grow in God's grace and SCATTER into their world for ministry and service.

Our Session - Mike Alred, Wes Alred, Jackie Gaston, Dennis Lee, Ed O'Neal and Ed Reed.

Our Diaconate - Jim Ferch, L.T. Hagood, Marty Likos, Matt Roeder and Jason Satterfield.