

Entrance

Gathering

*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!

*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.

*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken – Hymn 731*

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Illumination

O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here, so that we may all hear with joy what you have to say to us today. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading – *Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5*

Charlie Routh

Sermon *A River Runs Through It* Mark Gustafson

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*Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River – Hymn 723*

Sending Forth

*Benediction / Going Forth

Happy Birthday to Jean Livingston (2/4), Elijah Rogers (2/4), Larry Sessoms (2/5), and Karen Suggs (2/10)!

We pray today for Constance Rice, Indra Rodriguez, Asia Rogers-Burney, Debra Wilkins, and Brooke McMichael at Elizabethtown Primary School.

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Announcements

Wednesday, February 7, 12 p.m. at Bethlehem: Senior Saints. Come for lunch. Enjoy fellowship and games!

Our Admin. Council will be evaluating the Clarkton UMC campus for compatibility with Grace's mission on Wednesday, February 7 at 2 p.m. See Lee Hauser for more information. Please be in prayer for all who have called Clarkton UMC home.

Building Committee: Thursday, February 8, 7 p.m. at the library.

Saturday, February 10, 5:30-8 pm: Pastalinis Italian Restaurant at Live Oak. Come and eat, with live music by The Artful Codgers! You may contact me or Karen Valenzuela for reservations starting every half hour from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday service: February 14, 7 p.m. at Bethlehem UMC. Rev. Priscilla Bennett will be preaching.

Please plan to participate in our Lent study, which will be on *Simon-Peter* by Adam Hamilton. I will preach from the study each Sunday in Lent and then we will meet on Monday nights at 7 p.m. to discuss. You may purchase the book and begin reading, as we will cover 1 chapter per week. This will start on Monday, February 19 at Bethlehem UMC and via zoom.

Note: We are working on increasing our online visibility. Thank you to Jessica Lopez and Lauren Sasser for volunteering to help in this arena! Anytime you see any posts from our church, please like, comment and/or share. It helps! Thank you!

The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:

Mentioned 1/7/2024: Melanie Wohlford, Barry Wohlford, Cathy Butler and Annette Meares; Wanda Stone; Julie Smith.

Mentioned 1/14/2024: Those affected by the winter storms; Those affected by the school shooting in Perry, Iowa; Those affected by the earthquake in Japan; Pat Taylor; Earl Pate; Alice, friend of Cindy Coble; Thomas Crinn; Chicky and Janice Robbins; Susan Fisher; Betty Tatum; Paulette McDuffie; Debbie Harris; Susan Richardson-Price; the family and friends of Kelly Gray Smith, Harold Strickland, Bill Shell, Patti Carmody.

Mentioned 1/21/2024: Destone Merritt; Betty Davis; Joe's wife (Joe is a resident at Crossroads); Betty Joyce Blackman; Patty Scotten; Jonnie Moore; Laci Buffkin; the family and friends of Amira Johnson, two unnamed, separate, families losing a teenager and baby this past week.

Mentioned 1/28/2024: Janice Robbins; Kathy Lee; Tim Scotterd; Dunham Pate; Carol Brindenburg; Betty Tatum's uncle Denny; Ginny Edge; Christy Smith; Chris Hill; Francis Ogden; Margaret Ledford; Faye Richardson; Jeremy McLean; the family and friends of Susan Fisher, Harold Hobbs, and Tryon Lancaster.

Prayers this week: Jan Evans; Jim Knotts; Linda Schaeffer; Beth Nance; Sylvia Wilson and family; Joy Grady and family; Freeman Taylor and family; Terry & Karen McPhail; Matthew Krause; Jacob Chavis; Cole Fisher; Harold Sasser; Billy & Stella Cain; the family and friends of Rodney Lancaster.

Grace United Methodist Church

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Service 8:30 am

Our Mission

*To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

Our Vision

*We welcome everyone into the experience
of a different story!*

