

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
December 28, 2025

CHRIST IN ME,
the
HOPE OF
of
GLORY

Thought for Meditation

"In one of William J. Locke's novels there is a picture of a woman who has any amount of money, and who has spent half a lifetime on a tour of the sights and picture galleries of the world. She is weary and bored. Then she meets a Frenchman who has little of this world's goods, but who has a wide knowledge and a great love of beauty. He comes with her, and in his company things are completely different. "I never knew what things were like," she said to him, "until you taught me how to look at them."

Life is quite different when Jesus teaches us how to look at things. When Jesus comes into our hearts, he opens our eyes to see things truly."

~William Barclay~

— GATHERING —

Prelude

“Offertory on Christmas Carols”

Guilmant

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

Psalm 48

Stephanie Tutka

Leader: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise!

People: We are transformed by God's glory and power revealed in a child.

Leader: Beautiful and lofty, it brings joy to all the earth!

People: His presence is our fortress and strength.

Leader: For this God is our God forever and ever.

People: He will guide us to the very end.

Leader: Let us come together to worship with joy and gratitude.

All: Amen!

*** Hymn of Praise**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (v. 1-2) #259

***Prayer of Confession:** *Hebrews 4:15-16*

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

O God,

In Christ you were born a humble child, love-made-flesh, God-with-us.

Forgive us when we fail to follow in your way of humility, love, and peace.

Free us to see your Light reflecting in the faces of friends and family, neighbors and strangers, enemies and friends, and make us shine forth with your love. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession...

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *John 1:9*

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: In Christ Jesus we are redeemed, forgiven, renewed and sent! Amen!

*** Passing of the Peace**

Romans 5:1

L: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.

P: **And also, with you.**

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Gloria Patri**

#813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, a world without end.
Amen, Amen.

Children's Sermon "Wise Men, You, and I Go Home a New Way!" Mike Cochenour

Duet

"Emmanuel, God with Us"

Wendy Aurednik
Aubrie Newcomb

— THE WORD —

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 63:7-9

Sermon

"From Distress to Deliverance"

Lighting the Light of Glory

Loving Families

***Hymn of Response**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee!" (v.1-2) # 271

Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

“All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Let us offer our lives and tithes to the Lord.”

Offertory	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Ellsasser
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*** Doxology** #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all Creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* Prayer of Dedication

— SENDING —

*** Hymn of Dedication** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (v.1-2) # 277

*** Charge and Benediction** *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord makes his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace. **Amen!**

*** Congregational Response** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (v.3) # 277

*Postlude	"I Saw Three Ships (with Adeste Fidelis) "	Rogers
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*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship in Cana Hall (located downstairs) following today's worship service.



Rev. Dr. Ojulu (Pastor Owar) is available anytime if you have any concerns, want to schedule a meeting, or if you need a prayer. You can contact him at the office @ 724-339-9661 or his cell 507-304-5958.



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! Samaritan's Purse recommends prayer for the month of December for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS-ANNIVERSARIES

December 29 Carl Dolon

January 21- Randy & Cindy Daughtry

December 31 Aubrie Newcomb

January 1- Connie Markle

January 1- Marjwok Ojha

January 2- Bo Ojha

January 3- John Baron

January 5- Melody Highfield

January 10- Rich Sackett

January 17- Debbie Acre

January 21- Cheryl Landis

January 26- Bill Ludwig

January 29- Ammani Ojha

If your name does not appear, or if the listed information is incorrect, please contact the church office so that the records can be updated.

This Week's Calendar

December 28- January 3, 2026

Today	Worship- Light of Glory Service	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
Thursday	Happy New Year!!!!	

Looking Ahead

January 4, 2026- January 10, 2026

January 4	Worship	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School	11:00am
January 8	Boys Scouts- Den Meeting	6:00pm
	Ladies Group	6:30pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/__

Scripture Reference _____

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



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