

Pilgrimage To Bethlehem: Journey Inward, Journey Outward

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Choral Opening

"Joyfully Proclaim"

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: Advent is about accepting the call of God. Here is the call of Isaiah.

People: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne; and the hem of God's robe filled the temple.

Leader: Seraphs were in attention over God. Each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet and with two they flew.

People: And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is filled with the glory of God."

Leader: The door posts of the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the House kept filling with smoke.

People: Then I heard the voice of my Lord, saying , " Whom shall I send?

Who will go for us?"

All: And I said: Here am I; send me."

(From Isaiah 6:1-4 and 8)

*Invocation

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Luke 1: 26-38

Piano Meditation

Emma Chesnut

Prayers of the People

The Choral Meditation

"Mary's Son, Precious One"

The Words of Grace

"Accepting"

*Benediction

*The Choral Benediction

"Rejoice"

*Postlude

**All who are able, please stand*

The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace
December 5, 2021

Announcements

The Cabinet has announced that we will continue to wear masks indoors until further notice.

The Mission Board has announced that our Advent offering this year will go to support the The Khaled Hosseini Foundation.

More information is available at:
www.khaledhosseinifoundation.org

Birthdays

6 - John Barnard
6 - Bob Rawls
9 - Cohen Bryce Hayes

CONCERNS

*Continue to remember:
Our friends on homebound:
Sarah Adams, Nancy Milstead, Tressie Starrette,
Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Irene Shoemaker.*

*Those issues close to us:
Brenda Joines family, Scott Smith, Stuart Deal family, Marco, Katelyn, and Millie Corcoran,
Bobby Shannon family, Clara Rogers, Lisa Bracken, John Cass, Gary, Patti, and Paxton West,
Fran Pratt, Marco Gomez, Dan Eroh and family, Peggy Waugh,
Kenneth Davis, Glenda and Ray Jackson, Principals in our schools, Teresa Bergandine Campbell,
Jessica Pritchard, Kim's mom, peoples of Afghanistan, 5 month old, River, Cameron Gray,
Spencer Cox, Linda Sample, rural Washington fires, caregivers, and healthcare workers, homeless
children, our nations immigrants.*

*Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who
are incarcerated, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law
enforcement officers and fire fighters.*

*Those in the military:
Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig,
Anthony Corcoran, Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton,
Jacob Taylor and Ethan Dowden, Justin Steele, 30th Brigade.*

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday - Grose

December 19 - Comer
December 26 - Wardo

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$98,976.00
Received year to date: \$89,236.00
UNDER budget: \$9740.00
Weekly needs: \$2062.00

We are Grace Baptist Church - a ministering people of God, reaching beyond our walls to the needs of our local and global community. We are an intergenerational faith community called and committed to the life of love and servant-hood through the experience of celebrative worship, the development of each person's gifts and the work for peace and justice.

In our diversity we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. We recognize each individual as a child of God. We welcome and affirm ALL people, who and where you are, to join in our common mission through participation and leadership in this community of faith.

We are affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists,
the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America and the
Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastor: Steve Shoemaker Music Director: LeAnda Barnard
Secretary: Lisa Wardo Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

Boards

Cabinet: John Barnard
Deacon: Leigh Brown
Mission: Susie Wiberg Education: Sue Shoemaker
Stewardship: Johnny Marshall Worship: Nancy Davis

WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that your being present will bring joy and peace and presence of God to you.

You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.

If you are interested in joining this congregation as we seek to discern and live out God's call to us, please speak to our pastor or a church member.
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