

\* INVITATION TO THE TABLE *Please hold the elements until all are served.*

**\*Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus**

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
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\* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

\* SHARING THE CUP

\* HYMN OF CELEBRATION

**\* Oh Come All Ye Faithful**

O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels  
*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord*  
Sing all ye citizens of Heav'n above  
Glory to God all, Glory in the highest  
Yea Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n, Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing  
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\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing*

Ladies Advent Decorating: **Dec 1 at 6 pm**

*Please wear Festive Christmas Sweater! Corny or Cute!*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4BABA72BAAF8C70-advent1>

Second Sunday of Advent: **Dec. 4, 2022**

Wreath Advent Lighting-The Bomar Family

Submit your Poinsettia Insert Form by Dec. 11, 2022 in the offering plate  
or to [Debbie@thechurchofgracevillage.com](mailto:Debbie@thechurchofgracevillage.com)

Third Sunday of Advent: **Dec. 11, 2022**

Wreath Advent Lighting-The Family

Songs Of Christmas Family Caroling (4 pm), Pizza (5 p.m)  
and A Family Christmas Sing-a-long Concert (5:30 p.m.)

Fourth Sunday of Advent: **Dec. 18, 2022**

Wreath Advent Lighting-The Family

Christmas Candlelight Eve Service: **Dec. 24, 2022 4:30 p.m.**

Christmas Day Service: **Dec. 25, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

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Welcome to Grace Village ~ It's so good to have you join us!

**The Lighting of the Advent Candles**

The word advent, from Latin, means “the coming.” It is a time of spiritual reflection as well as cheer and anticipation. The custom of lighting Advent candles is an old one. On the first Sunday of Advent, the family gathered around the fireplace. On the mantelpiece were four candles, surrounded by boughs of evergreen. The first candle was lit as the family read from the Bible, and sang and prayed together. On the second Sunday, the first candle was lit again, and then the second, as once again the family worshipped together and so on each week, until the circle of light was completed on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Then the center candle was lit on Christmas Eve in celebration of the birth of Jesus. An Advent wreath is made from greens to symbolize continuous life and contains five candles— three purple, one rose and a white candle placed the center of the wreath. We hope you find these weekly scripture readings encouraging and helpful as you and your family prepare for the celebration surrounding the Advent of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

**First Sunday In Advent:** The Prophecy Candle (Purple Candle)

We rejoice that God prepares our lives through prophecy to receive Christ when he comes. The words from Isaiah 9 prepare us to receive Christ as the child who comes to us in Bethlehem. They also prepare us to receive Christ when he comes again in power. At that time he will fulfill the promise to be Prince of Peace and Wonderful Counselor for all times and there will truly be no end to his gracious kingdom.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7

*“Gracious Lord, prepare our lives to receive your beloved Son as he comes to us in his birth and as he will come again in power at the close of the age.  
Inspire us through prophecy to await him with joy. Amen.”*

**Sunday School | Nursery Ministry | Lamb's Lair**

We provide exceptional care for your child in the nursery available during Worship service. Be assured that all caregivers are background checked for the protection of our children. If you have special needs or circumstances, please speak with the Nursery Director. The Nursery & The Nursing Mothers Corner is always open during service.

**Gospel Adventurers: Toddlers to Pre-K-K's (2-6)** will enjoy the activities which include Bible lessons, songs, and prayer. If you have special needs or circumstances, please speak with the Nursery Director. The class will meet in the nursery.

**Children & Youth Ministry | Truth Quest: (2nd Grade-5th Grade)**

This class led by Mary Ann Meiners will engage young minds to discover the story of God the creator, covenant-maker and covenant-keeper to the parables & miracles of Jesus. The class will meet in the fireplace room.

**Jr. and Sr. High Youth Class**

This class led by Monica Boucek/Darren Smith will meet upstairs in the Conference Room.

**Adult Ministry | Living as Citizens of the Kingdom of God**

Luke Paiva will lead a class of adults that focuses on the benefits of a united church community living out their faith. The class will meet in the sanctuary.

**The Celebration of Communion: Access to the Table**

As it is the practice of this church to celebrate communion on a weekly basis, we welcome all who by grace alone, through faith alone, trust in Jesus alone, as the ground and assurance of their salvation. At the Lord's table we transcend denominational distinctives and come to Jesus as one body, united around our desperate need and faith in His sufficiency. If that is your confession and conviction, we welcome you to celebrate with us the "marvelous grace of our loving Lord."

**Covenant Children:** It is also our practice that children of covenant families, who under the initiative of their parents, have been examined and approved by the Session, also have access to the grace offered in this sacrament. It is the privilege and joyful responsibility of every parent to disciple and train their children in repentance and faith each Sunday as they come again to Jesus for His grace. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." and so we bring them to Him through this means of grace, each Sunday, with eager hearts to have their faith strengthened and nourished.



THE CHURCH OF  
**GRACE VILLAGE**

November 27, 2022

10:30 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Nursery Care - PreK/K

Indoor/Outdoor Service

Zoom/Livestream

*Not for yourself, O church, do you exist, any more than Christ existed for Himself. His glory was that He laid aside His glory, and the glory of the church is when she lays aside her respectability and her dignity, and counts it to be her glory to gather together the outcasts, and her highest honor to seek amid the foulest mire the priceless jewels for which Jesus shed His blood. To rescue souls from hell and lead to God, to hope, to heaven, this is her heavenly occupation. O that the church would always feel this!  
~ Charles Spurgeon*

*"That grace might reign..." Romans 5:21*

*The Church of Grace Village exists to be a safe place where we as broken people receive and share the healing grace of God through the finished work of Jesus Christ.*

# THE LORD'S DAY OF CORPORATE WORSHIP

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Mrs. Rebekah Sullivant Mr. Luke Sullivant
<b>GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Pastor Ian Sears
<b>LIGHTING OF THE PROPHECY CANDLE</b>	<i>Isaiah 9:1-7</i> <i>The William Taylor Family</i>

### GOD SUMMONS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP AND ENJOY HIM

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *The William Taylor Family*  
Almighty God, you wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature.  
In your mercy, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
grant that we may share the divine life of Jesus Christ,  
who humbled himself to share our humanity  
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel, This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem, Promise of dawn now our eyes behold  
God Most High in a manger laid, Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious Love has come to us, Join now with the hosts of heaven  
Come we to welcome Emmanuel, King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless He lay the Invincible, Maker of Mary now Mary's son  
O what wisdom to save us all, Shepherds sages before Him fall  
Grace and majesty what humility, Come on bended knee adore Him  
Go spread the news of Emmanuel, Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads for your King has come, Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark  
Glory shining for all to see, Hope alive let the gospel ring  
God has made a way He will have the praise, Tell the world His name is Jesus  
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Gloria, gloria  
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**\* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** *Based on Psalm 98:1-3*

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
**People: for he has done marvelous things!**  
Leader: His "right hand and his holy arm",  
**People: have worked salvation for him.**

Leader: The LORD has made known his salvation;  
**People: he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**  
Leader: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
**All: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

#### \* Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation  
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for ev'ry nation  
Not with fanfares from above, Not with scenes of glory  
But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky, With the songs of angels  
As the mighty Prince of Life, Shelters in a stable  
Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in darkness  
Cling now to a mother's breast, Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at the glory  
Gifts of men from distant lands, Prophecy the story  
Gold a King is born today, Incense God is with us  
Myrrh His death will make a way, By His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam Son of heaven, Given as a ransom  
Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion  
What a Savior what a Friend, What a glorious mystery  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of history

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#### \* Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,*  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
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#### \* AFFIRMATION OF SALVATIONS JOY *(Unison)*

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

People of God, through the coming of Jesus Christ,  
whose birth we celebrate,  
the Lord has comforted and redeemed us too!  
In Christ we receive the salvation of our God.

Glory to God in the highest!

*-based on Isaiah 52:9-10, Luke 2:14, NRSV*

#### \* Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King  
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#### \* PRAYER OF ADORATION

### WE EXCEL IN THE GRACE OF GIVING

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Come Thou Expected Jesus**  
Come thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sin release us  
Let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art

Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

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### GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE: WORD AND SACRAMENT

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Galations 4:1-7*

#### MESSAGE

*In the Fullness of Time*

**Mr. Luke Paiva**

#### \* CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Almighty God,  
who inhabits eternity but dwells with those  
who are of a humble and contrite spirit:  
before you and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins.  
We have ignored the presence of your spirit.  
We have failed to look for the return of our savior and judge.  
We have been blind to your coming in the suffering of the hungry,  
the exiled, the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned.  
In your great goodness put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sin,  
For Jesus' sake, **Amen.**

#### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION