

# Grace United Methodist Church

“Reaching people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ”

## 9:30 Worship - Sunday, December 2, 2018

Prelude “Sonata in C, KV. 330, II. Andante cantabile” – by Mozart Nicole Cloutier

### News of Grace

Introit “Come, Let Us Worship” Sanctuary Choir  
- Palestrina

### Advent Reading

Reader: “The people who walked... a new name for God.”

Response: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” UMH 196

### Unison Prayer

God, I know that contentment with godliness is of great benefit. It brings about a lasting peace and grateful heart that only you can give. Help me not to focus on the material possessions that I lose sight of that which is of vital importance. May the character of my soul and the fruit of my actions be of much greater importance than the perishable goods that capture my attention. I look to you for proper balance in the things you have blessed me with and the attitude in which I receive these good things from your hands. Amen.

Anthem “Amen, Amen” Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

### Offering Invitation

Offertory “In the Garden” Nicole Cloutier

Doxology “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95

### Offertory Prayer

Hymn “Like a Child” TFWS 2092

Scripture Mark 12:41-44

Message “The Gift of Jesus: Shopping” Paul Hahm

Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” UMH 206

Benediction “Grant Us Peace” Sanctuary Choir  
– Michael Scott

Postlude “Sonata in C, KV. 330, I. Allegro Moderato” – by Mozart Nicole Cloutier

Following the dismissal, you may exit the sanctuary while the postlude plays.

# Announcements

## ADVENT OFFERING

Food insecurity exists everywhere in America. Sadly, the number of families and individuals served by the South Lansing Ministries (SLM) Food Pantry has been growing. Forty percent of the people SLM serves are children. Access to nutritious food throughout the year is essential to children’s health, learning and growth.

This year’s Advent Offering will go to help provide food to the hungry in our community served by the South Lansing Ministries Food Pantry. Envelopes will be in the bulletins on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Additional envelopes can be found on the Welcome table.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS & GIFTS

We are partnering with Christian Services for a Christmas mission project as we did for Thanksgiving. We will be collecting money and gift cards so food can be purchased for families in need. In addition, you will have the opportunity to purchase gifts for the family members. Watch for the sign-up sheets to be placed in the fellowship hall or passed around the congregation. Any questions? contact Julie Prevo.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Reverse Advent Calendars is another mission opportunity. Pick-up a red South Lansing Ministries bag. You will find a list of items needed at SLM. Instead of taking a treat from a calendar you put an item in the bag. Bring your filled bag back to church by December 24.

## ANNUAL ADVENT CELEBRATION

Grace United Methodist Women invite both women and men our Advent Celebration: “Mary: According to Your Word”

Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Grace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Waltha Gaye Leavitt

Continental Breakfast will be served & childcare will be provided. An offering will be taken for the United Methodist Community House programs in Grand Rapids

Please contact Donna Kleiver for reservations or questions at (517) 648-6119 \*\*Deadline for reservations: December 5, 2018\*\*

## BELL CHOIR

Are you interested in ringing the hand bells for Christmas? Make sure you sign-up on your connect card today! Contact Xiaosha if you have questions or would like additional information.

## ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Christmas has a huge emphasis on the gifts we give and the gifts we receive. Ironic since we’re celebrating the birth of Jesus, who was God’s gift to us. In this series we’ll look at the gifts Jesus gave to us through his ministry, mission, and messages to help us navigate not only the holiday season but in our journey of faith as well.

# Announcements *(continued)*

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

This will start on November 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesdays in front of Penney’s.  
Contact: Doug Burruss with questions. 517-331-0127 or 517-323-7281

## POINSETTIA ORDERS

The last tune that orders will be accepted is today. The cost will be \$9.00 per Poinsettia plant payable to Grace UMC when ordered. Additional order forms will be available on the Welcome table or in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please contact Joanne Bauer.

# Education & Spiritual Formation

## Nursery *(Birth to 3 years):*

Our nursery is available during both the 9:30 and 11:30 services. It is currently staffed by Miss Emma, Miss Lisa and our faithful volunteers. Our smallest children take home lessons of God’s love too! Little ones will engage in stories, creative time, and free play!

## Kids on the Move Program *(Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup>):*

Kids on the Move Jr. & Kids on the Move meets weekly during our 11:30 worship service. “A Baby Is Born” is our new unit beginning Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. We prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth and take time to remember the reason we celebrate is because Jesus was sent to remind us that God is with us. Come with us to have fun learning! We begin in worship and then are dismissed to Kids on the Move at 11:45. See you soon!

Kids on the Move Jr. *(4 yr. Pre-K - 2nd graders):* **Orange Room.**

Kids on the Move *(3rd - 6th graders):* **Blue Room.**

## ENERGIZE! Youth Ministry Program *(for students 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>):*

Sundays from 5:00-7:00pm! The first month is all about connections! Come for lessons and fun at the Youth Center! Contact Jamie Young for more information upcoming events! [eymporg@gmail.com](mailto:eymporg@gmail.com)

## Adult Sunday School Class: ROMANS

This class will be exploring the book of Romans. Join us Sundays in the green room from 11:00-12:00pm *Led by: Sallie Franks.*

## 2018 XVBS – Fantastic Verses and Where to Find Them!

Christmas Vacation Bible School will be the week of December 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “**Fantastic Verses and Where to Find Them!**” There will be games, crafts, music and Illusions! Registration is NOW open! There are yellow registration forms near the welcome table. Grab one for your child, grandchild or neighbor!

**SOME ITEMS WE NEED:** *paper products (500 appetizer sized plates in gold, 500 beverage sized napkins in red, silverware in fake gold, 2 rolls of table cloth in black, 500 clear 5 oz beverage cups), 75 beanie baby animals, city style decorations & costumes from New York in the 1920s (old newspapers, old signs, hats), Floor Lamps, Briefcases, electric lamp posts, rolls of paper brick wall, LARGE rolls of paper, old refrigerator boxes, gift card to Michaels or Meijer.*

If you have questions about this list or the event itself: See Jamie Young

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**11:30 Worship – Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**Welcome**

**Worship Songs** "Angels We Have Heard on High" – E. S. Barnes  
 "What a Beautiful Name" – Hillsong Worship  
 "Spirit of the Living God" – Daniel Iverson

**Children's Time**

**Advent Reading**

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**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**UMH 895**

**Scripture**

**Mark 12:41-44**

**Message**

**"The Gift of Jesus: Shopping"**

**Paul Hahm**

**Closing Song**

**"Enough" – Chris Tomlin**

**Offering**

**Benediction**

**grace worship leadership & staff**

Pastor	Paul Hahm
Today's Liturgist (9:30)	Connie Chandler
Today's Liturgist (11:30)	Kirk Bush
Choir Director	Xiaosha Lin
Accompanist	Nicole Cloutier
Worship Coordinator	Tabatha Hansen
Nursery Staff	Emma Stagner
Nursery Staff	Lisa Bass
Children / Youth Director	Jamie Young
Office Administrator	Jamie Young
Custodian	Clem Nicholson

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**\*\*OFFICE HOURS\*\***

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
 12:00 – 4:00 PM - Wednesday

Bulletin information deadline: Wednesdays at 12:00pm  
 Grace Notes article deadline: second Wednesday of the month at 12:00pm

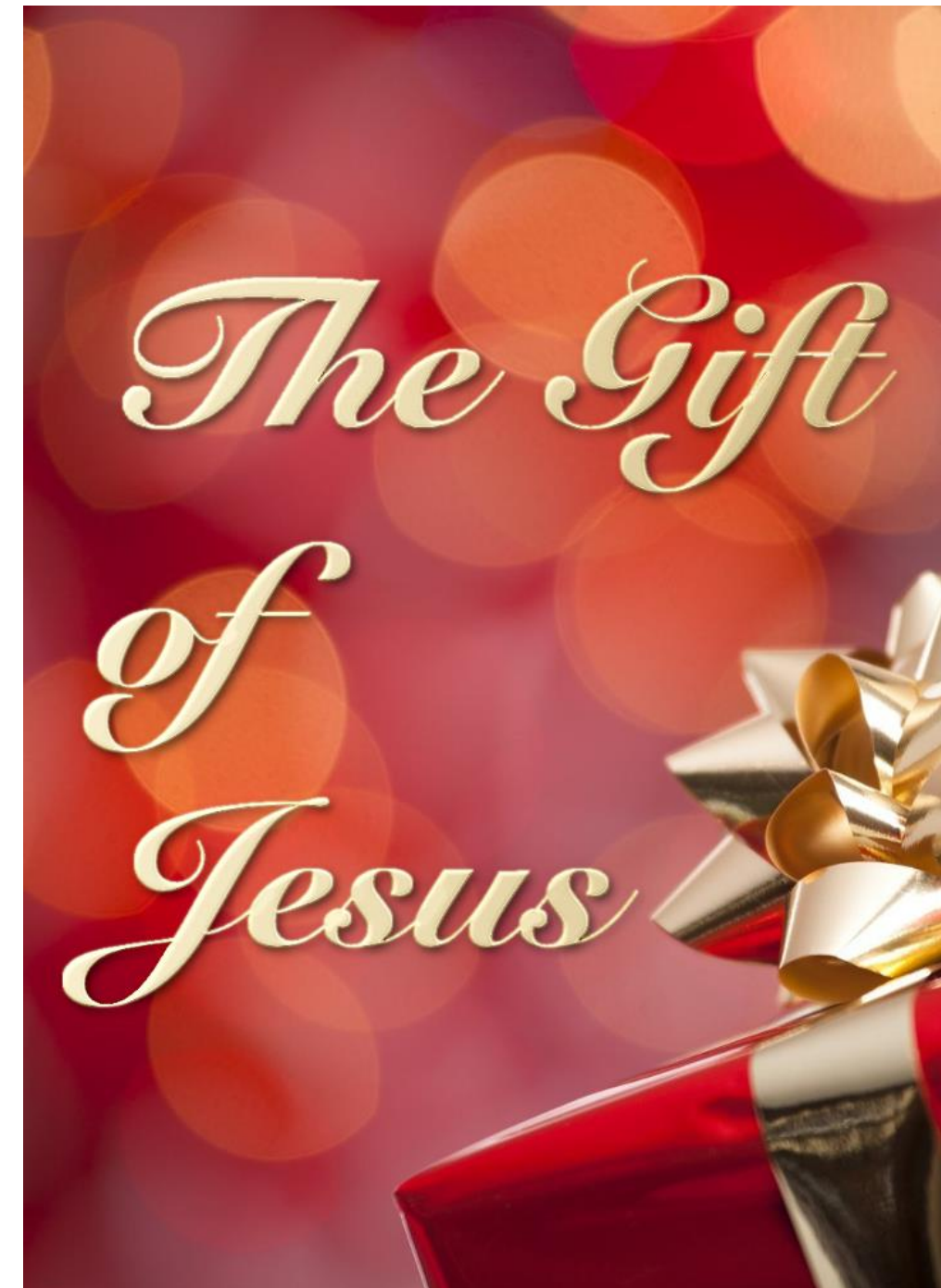
## THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY – November 25</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 11:45 am 12:30 pm 4:00 – 7:00 pm	*Make the Change Offering* Pick-up from Grand Haven Worship Fellowship Time Adult Sunday School Class Worship Kids on the Move Hanging of the Greens E! Youth Min. Prog. – Movie Night
<b>MONDAY – November 26</b> 8:00 – 4:00 pm 4:30-6:00 pm	Garden Club of Greater Lansing Prayer Shawl
<b>TUESDAY – November 27</b> 8:00 – 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Garden Club of Greater Lansing Band Practice
<b>WEDNESDAY – November 28</b> 8:00 – 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Garden Club of Greater Lansing Ad Council Church Conference AA in the Youth Center
<b>THURSDAY – November 29</b> 8:00 – 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Garden Club of Greater Lansing Adult Choir Practice
<b>FRIDAY – November 30</b> 8:00 – 4:00 pm	*OFFICE CLOSED* Garden Club of Greater Lansing
<b>SATURDAY – December 1</b> 8:00 – 1:00 pm	*OFFICE CLOSED* Garden Club of Greater Lansing
<b>SUNDAY – December 2</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 – 11:25 am 11:30 am 11:45 am 5:00 – 7:00 pm	*Communion Sunday* Pick-up from Grand Haven Worship Fellowship Time Adult Sunday School Class Children's Choir Practice Worship Kids on the Move E! Youth Min. Prog. – Movie Night

**NOTES:**

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