

# Grace United Methodist Church

*"Reaching people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ"*

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

Prelude "Winter Morning" Nicole Cloutier

### News of Grace

#### Call to Worship

Leader: The magi came from far away, following a star.

**People: We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.**

Leader: The magi brought gifts to offer the child.

**People: We too bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.**

Leader: Shepherds and the magi—the meek and the mighty—all were welcome in Bethlehem.

**People: We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing.**

Hymn "We Three Kings" UMH 254

#### Unison Prayer

**You have brought us to Yourself, O Lord. You have given us the gift of faith. Your mercies toward us are more than we could ever hope to deserve. We stand in awe before You today offering our gifts, our hearts our abilities and our worship. Come now, O Holy One and make us fully your own through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer UMH 895

#### Offering Invitation

Offertory "Away in a Manger" Nicole Cloutier

Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

#### Offertory Prayer

Hymn "The Snow Lay on the Ground" TFWS 2093

Scripture Matthew 2:1,2, 7-12

Message "The Gift of Jesus: Magi" Paul Hahm

Hymn "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" TFWS 2100

Postlude "Sonata in A major, II. Allegro" Nicole Cloutier  
*- by Franck*

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

# Announcements

## MAKE THE CHANGE OFFERING

Make the change offering will be changing to the second Sunday this year. January's 'Make the Change Offering will be collected on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and will go to Forgotten Man Ministry. Forgotten Man's Mission is "to follow in Christ's footsteps by bringing the healing powers of the Great Physician to those incarcerated in Michigan's county jails." They provide Christian resources to those serving time in county jails.

## MEALS FOR MISSIONS

The missions team will be starting a quarterly fundraiser dinner. The first one will be January 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 until 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and beat the winter blues with nice a warm bowl of chili. Proceeds will go to the ENERGIZE! Youth Ministry Program to help them fund their Youth2019 trip to Kansas City, Missouri. Price will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and \$20 for a family.

## LITURGISTS AND USHERS

Are you interested in becoming a Liturgist or Usher during the 9:30 or 11:30 worship service? Please indicate your desire on the connection card or by contacting the church office: lgraceumc@gmail.com

## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES: Character Matters

Next sermon series, January 6-27

Joseph, Jephthah, David, and Solomon. These are some of the most powerful characters in the bible who accomplished great feats for God's people. Despite their great achievements, talents, renown, and knowledge each of them possessed serious flaws to their character. However, character matters to God. This series will examine not only these biblical figures but our own character as well.

## UNDECORATE THE CHURCH

On Sunday, January 13, 2019 we will reverse our Christmas decorating and 'undecorate' the church. Outside the Sanctuary will happen after the 9:30 service, and the sanctuary will be after the 11:30 service for about an hour. There will be a snack around 12:30. Many hands make light work. If you have questions, please see Mary Jane, Worship Chair.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women meet at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall on the third Tuesday of the month. All women are welcome. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Our topic will be Pledge Service.

# 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.*

## SAVE THE DATE: MID-WEEK CLASSES

Our Winter Mid-Week Dinner & Classes will kick off Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and go through February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Is there a book or topic you would like to see discussed? We are looking for people who might want to lead a Wednesday night class. In addition, we are seeking a small team of people who would consider helping to prepare the meal offered before class or be on the team that helps clean-up. If either of these things interest you, check the appropriate boxes on the connection card and we will reach out to you. If you have more questions, contact Missy Bush, Education Chair, to learn more!

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

We just wrapped up our 5<sup>th</sup> year of Christmas Vacation Bible School! The children dug deep into the bible and learned about 4 Fantastic Verses that can help them throughout their lives!

Thank you to all who made "Fantastic Verses and Where to Find Them!" a huge success – whether it was helping to decorate, lending us items to use, purchasing supplies, teaching, preparing meals, or even make sure you child got here each night! We had nearly 80 children, youth and adults participate in this annual pre-Christmas event.

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## Welcome

**Worship Songs** "Come Now is the Time to Worship" – B. Doerksen  
 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
 "Oceans" – Hillsong United

## Children's Time

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**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer** UMH 895

**Scripture** Matthew 2:1,2, 7-12

**Message** "The Gift of Jesus: Magi" Paul Hahm

**Closing Song** "Great Are You Lord" – One Sonic Society

## Offering

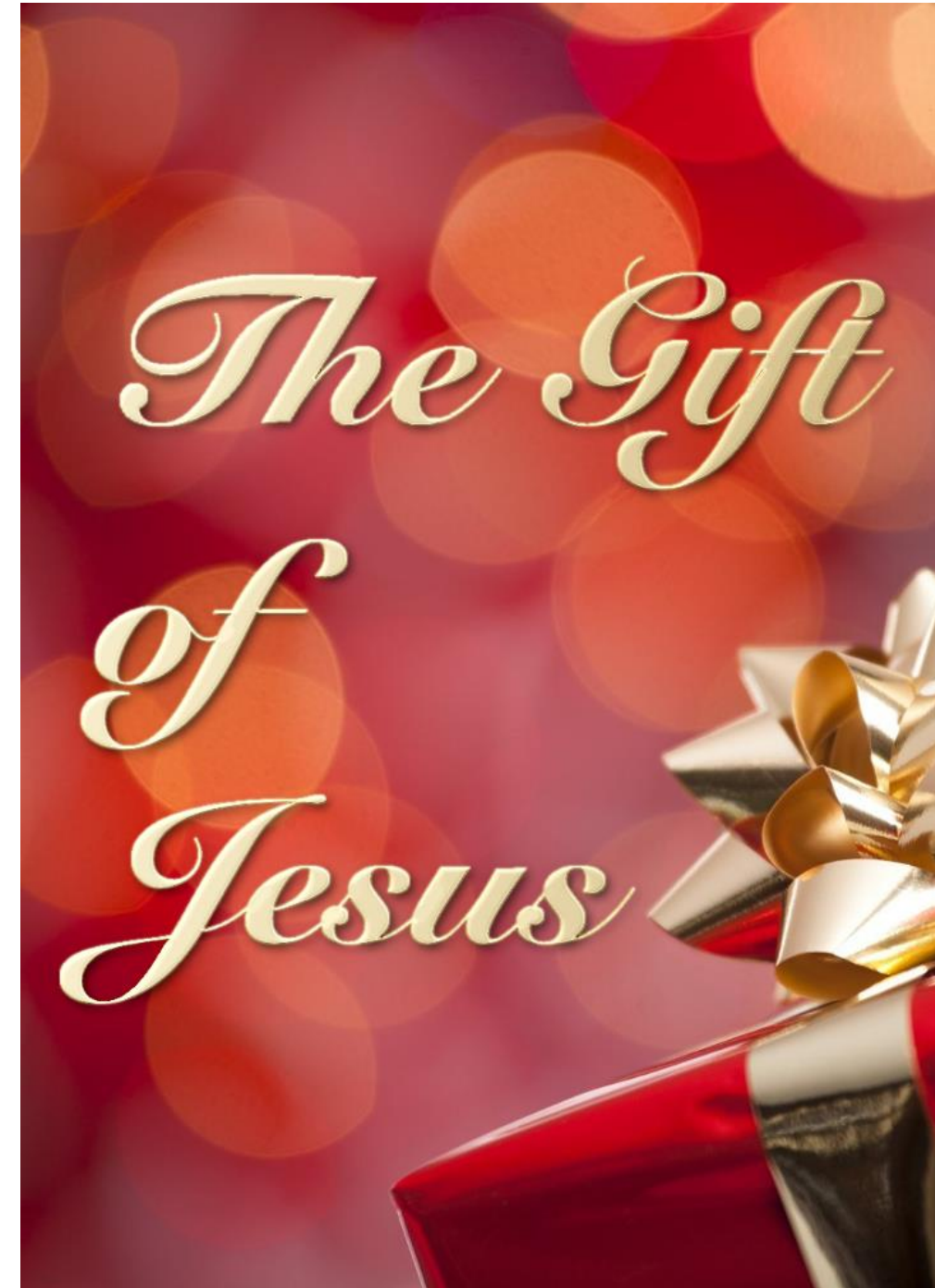
## Benediction

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH	
<b>SUNDAY – December 30</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 11:45 am	Pick-up from Grand Haven Worship Fellowship Time Adult Sunday School Class Worship Kids on the Move
<b>MONDAY – December 31</b>	*OFFICE CLOSED*
<b>TUESDAY – January 1</b>	*OFFICE CLOSED* HAPPY NEW YEAR!
<b>WEDNESDAY – January 2</b> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Band Practice AA in the Youth Center
<b>THURSDAY – January 3</b>	
<b>FRIDAY – January 4</b>	*OFFICE CLOSED*
<b>SATURDAY – January 5</b>	*OFFICE CLOSED*
<b>SUNDAY – January 6</b> 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 11:45 am	*Communion Sunday* Pick-up from Grand Haven Worship Fellowship Time Adult Sunday School Class Worship Kids on the Move

### NOTES:

# GRACE

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### Grace Worship Leadership & Staff

Pastor	Paul Hahm
Today's Liturgist (9:30)	
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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

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