

Grace United Church of Christ 25 E. Second St. Frederick, MD



EPIPHANY

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Sunday, January 6, 2019

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Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.

This morning we will use the black *New Century Hymnal* (NCH).

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude "We Three Kings" Jonas Dawson
John Henry Hopkins, Jr., arr. Regina Pozzi (b. 1949)

Welcome *Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.*
Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choir Introit "In Joyous Praise!" Grace Choir
Lloyd Larson

***Call to Worship**

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

P: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

L: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;

P: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

L: The nations shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

***Opening Hymn** "We Three Kings" (insert)

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

O God, you made of one blood all nations and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri (in unison)**

Glory to the Creator and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

We Listen

First Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

Choir Anthem

“Make My Life an Alleluia”
Ruth Elaine Schram

Grace Choir

*Hymn

“What Child is This?”

NCH #148

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Re. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children’s Message

Following the Children’s Message, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us in the fellowship hall for Children’s Church a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

Sermon

“Jelly of the Month Club”

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Andante"

Jonas Dawson

Samuel P. Jackson (1818-1885), arr. Carson Cooman

Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Hymn

*The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Please be seated

Sharing the Elements

As you are dismissed from your pew, come forward using the center aisle. This morning we offer bread and your choice of wine (in the silver chalice) or grape juice (in the pottery chalice). Please return to your seats using the side aisles.

Blessing after Communion

We invite all who would like a blessing, especially children and those who did not participate in communion of bread and cup, to come forward.

We are Sent

Announcements

*Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Go Tell it on the Mountain" NCH #154

*Benediction "Threefold Amen" Grace Choir

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude "When the Morning Stars Sang Together" Jonas Dawson
Gene Clarke (b. 1948)

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*The yellow rose on the altar is presented by the Altar Guild in memory of deceased war veterans and in honor of those who have served our country, as well as those currently on active duty.*

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!**



We are delighted that you joined us for worship this morning. Please be sure to sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.

If you have any difficulty hearing the service, one of our ushers can provide you with a hearing assistance device. We also have large print bulletins and hymnals available.

Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for Children's Church - a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. We leave the Sanctuary following the Children's Message. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

Following the worship service, please join us for fellowship.

***Welcome to Grace Church!***



**WHAT:** Grace Youth Group  
Glow Bowling

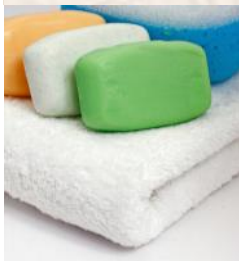


**WHEN:** Friday, January 18 - 8PM

*Meet @ Grace first @8PM then travel to bowling alley.*

*RSVP: Pastor Rob at [pastorrob@grucc.com](mailto:pastorrob@grucc.com)*

**Grace UCC's**  
**2019 Church World Service Mission Project**  
**All of January - Collecting Hygiene Kit Items**  
**Sunday, January 27, 2019 - Assembling Hygiene Kits**



During the month of January we will be collecting items for:  
**CWS (Church World Service) Hygiene Kits**

Supplies needed:

- **Hand towels measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32"**  
(no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- **Washcloths**
- **Wide-tooth combs**
- **Finger nail and toe nail clippers**
- **Bath size bars of soap in the wrappers**
- **Toothbrush in individual packages**
- **Standard size Band-aids**



All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do NOT add any extra items or toothpaste. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each Hygiene Kit just prior to its journey.

For more information please contact: Trevor Addie at [trevor.grucc@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.grucc@gmail.com).

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**PLEDGE/OFFERING OPTIONS**  
**USE OFFERING ENVELOPES, ELECTRONIC GIVING,**  
**AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT TO GRACE UCC.**

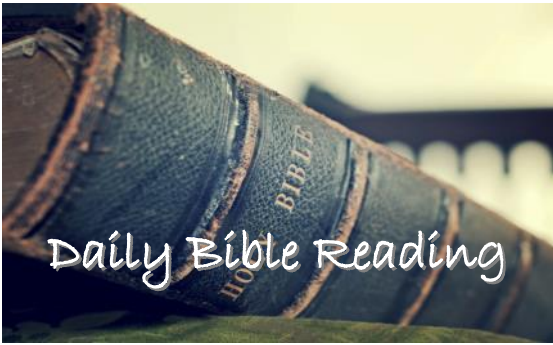
- I. 2019 Offering Envelopes: Sign-up in the narthex today. Order will be placed end of November.**
- II. Two Electronic Giving Options:**
- **VANCO** (UCC's e-giving platform) allows you to have regular, recurring donations drafted from your bank account, or charged to your credit card. *(To get started, simply pick up an authorization form in the Narthex, or contact the church office.)*
  - **PAYPAL:** Make donations using PayPal via [www.GraceUCC.com](http://www.GraceUCC.com). Simply click the PayPal button at the bottom of the [www.grucc.com](http://www.grucc.com) home page.
  - If you decide to participate in our electronic giving programs, you can pick up some "I give electronically" cards to place in the offering plate on Sunday mornings in lieu of an envelope/paper payment.
- III. Bank Draft/Automatic Payment to Grace UCC. Call the church office for more information.**



**November Treasurer's Report**

|             | <b>November 2018</b> | <b>2018 Year-to-Date</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Income:     | \$ 19,116.87         | \$ 173,400.46            |
| Expenses:   | (\$ 12,057.90)       | (\$ 220,727.62)          |
| Difference: | \$ 7,058.97          | (\$ 47,327.16)           |





Sunday, January 6, 2019  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, January 7, 2019  
Psalm 72  
Daniel 2:1-19  
Ephesians 4:17-5:1

Tuesday, January 8, 2019  
Psalm 72  
Daniel 2:24-49  
Ephesians 5:15-20

Wednesday, January 9, 2019  
Psalm 72  
Numbers 24:15-19  
Luke 1:67-79

Thursday, January 10, 2019  
Psalm 29  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Friday, January 11, 2019  
Psalm 29  
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 2:1-10

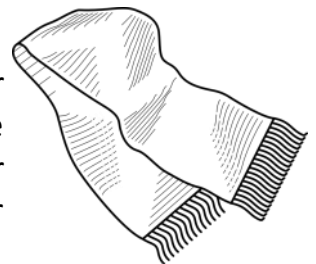
Saturday, January 12, 2019  
Psalm 29  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15  
1 Corinthians 2:11-16

Sunday, January 13, 2019  
Baptism of the Lord  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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### **Do you get a little chilly in church?**

Please know that there are hand-made shawls available for you to use as you need. They are spread throughout the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you don't see one near you. Many thanks to Pam Marshall for this idea and for making the shawls!



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## CARING AND SHARING



The following are members and friends of our church family who are currently ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps send a note or a card. Addresses can be obtained from the church office, or you can pick up a church directory from one of the ushers. If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please call the church office.

**Millie Davis ~ Joe Free ~ Jean Gaver  
Paul and Miriam Himes ~ Pam Kehne ~ Betty Linton**

Please note that hospitals are no longer permitted to contact churches on behalf of their patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. If you or a family member is hospitalized in an emergency situation, please call Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.

## CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Do you need an updated copy of our member directory? Please contact the church office or speak to an usher on Sunday morning. Due to privacy concerns, we do not publish our directory on the church website.

# GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

## **Sunday, January 6**

### **Epiphany**

- 9:45 AM Christian Education classes
- 11:00 AM Worship & Communion
- 5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

## **Monday, January 7**

- 10:00 AM & 3:30 PM Eileen Estes Voice Lessons (rm 3)
- 6:30 PM The Frederick Center Young Adult Group

## **Tuesday, January 8**

- 5:30 PM Eileen Estes Voice Lessons (rm3)
- 6:30 PM Mankind Project (bsmt)

## **Wednesday, January 9**

- 6:30PM TFC Youth Group (bsmt)

## **Thursday, January 10**

- 6:00 PM Zumba (GSR) BEGINS AGAIN!
- 6:00 PM TFC Youth Cmte (rm 3)
- 7:00 PM TFC Board Mtg (rm 3)

## **Friday, January 11**

- 12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

## **Saturday, January 12**

## **Sunday, January 13: The Baptism of Christ**

- 9:45 AM Christian Education classes
- 11:00 AM Worship
- 5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Carrie Minnick

Children's Sermon: Earl Bartgis

Children's Church: Elizabeth Damazo

Altar Guild: Joan Princler

#### **Sunday, January 13, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Jerry Princler

Children's Sermon: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Carol Garrison

Altar Guild: Gwen Edwards

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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