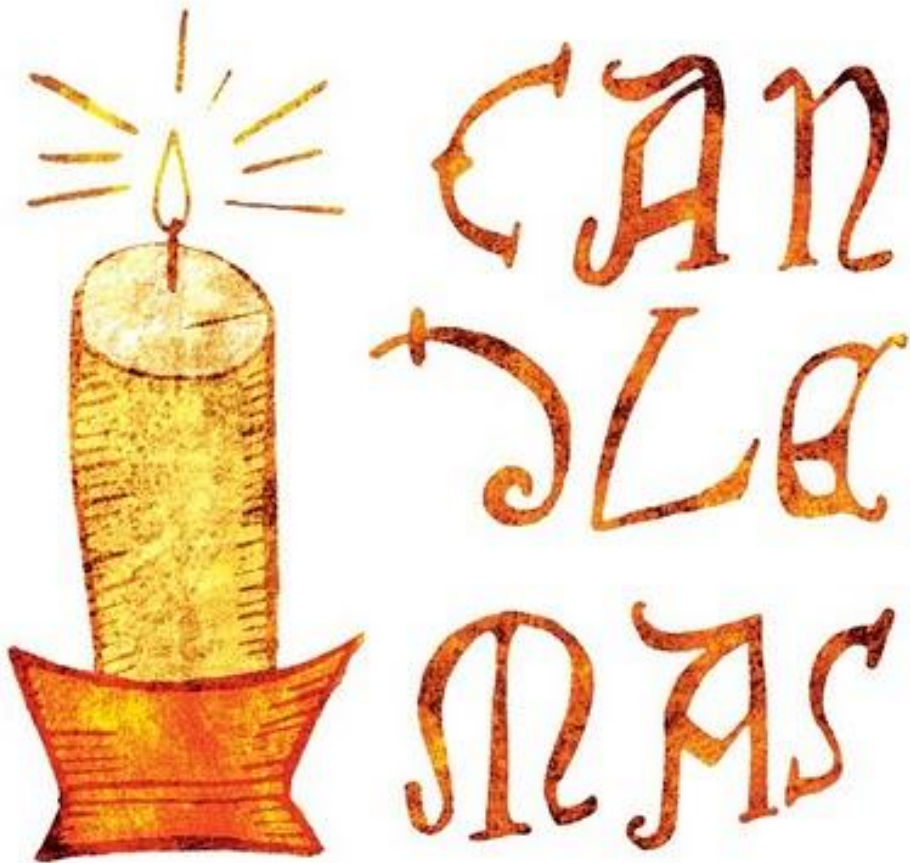


Grace United Church of Christ



Sunday, February 2, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Call to Worship
Sunday, February 2, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Candelmas

Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.
This morning we will use the New Century Hymnal (NCH)

We Gather

Prelude "Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious" Jonas Dawson
William Owen, arr. Michael Ryan

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

Choir Introit "I Woke Up This Morning" Grace Choir
African-American Spiritual, arr. Jeffrey Radford (1993)

***Invocation & Exhortation**

L: In the name God; The Blessed and Holy Trinity,

P: One God Forever. Amen

L: Forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today we recall the holy day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses and at the same time going to meet his faithful people. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized Christ as their Lord, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the Spirit, may we now go to the house of God to welcome Christ the Lord. There we shall recognize him in the breaking of bread until he comes again in glory. Let us pray. God the Eternal, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon your Light of revelation to the nations. Bless + these candles and make them holy, that we who observe their light in your temple may come with joy to the light of glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

P: Amen

L: Let us go forth in peace to meet the Lord.

*Processional Hymn

"In His Temple Now Behold Him"
(sung to "Angels from the Realms of Glory")

In His temple now behold Him;
See the long-expected Lord!
Ancient prophets had foretold him;
God hath now fulfilled His word.
Now to praise Him, His redeemèd
Shall break forth with one accord.

In the arms of her who bore Him,
Virgin pure, behold Him lie,
While His aged saints adore Him,
Ere in perfect faith they die:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lo, the incarnate God most high!

Jesus, by Thy Presentation,
Thou, Who didst for us endure,
Make us see Thy great salvation,
Seal us with Thy promise sure;
And present us in Thy glory
To our God, both cleansed and pure.

L: Christ is the light of the nations:

P: And the glory of Israel his people.

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen

P: As Joseph and Mary brought gifts to the temple in thanksgiving for the birth of their son, so we offer tokens of our thankfulness for the blessings of that same Son. Accept them for the sake of the Child who was presented this day, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*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"

NCH # 792

(Please be seated)

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: "Memorial Acclamation"

NCH # 799

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

ALL: "Three Fold Amen"

NCH # 812

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.

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.*

Communion

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.*

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray. Holy God, source of all light, you revealed to aged Simeon
your light that enlightens all nations and have now filled our hearts with the
light of faith through this holy supper. Lighten our path that we may walk in
the way of holiness until we come to the Light that shines forever, your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen

We are Sent

Announcements

*Closing Prayer

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (insert)

*Dismissal

*Choral Benediction "Fourfold Amen" Grace Choir

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude "Festivity on 'Holy Manna'" Jonas Dawson
William Moore, arr. Douglas Wagner (b.1952)

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*The flowers on the altar this morning are from Anna Winegar given to honor Lucien as we celebrate his 89th birthday today (February 2) and to thank God for our many blessings.*

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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.

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**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!***

**GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 2**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

The Vision Beautiful

9:45 AM Christian Educ.

11:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion

Monday, February 3

Tuesday, February 4

6:30 PM MKP

Wednesday, February 5

6:30 PM TFC Youth Group

Thursday, February 6

7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study

Friday, February 7

Saturday, February 8

**Sunday, February 9**

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

Restoring Beauty

*Racial Justice Sunday/*

*Science and Technology Sunday*

9:45 AM Christian Educ.

11:00 AM Worship

## ***Today we celebrate Candlemas***

This time of year has been celebrated for centuries in many ways in many places. Candlemas refers to the Christian festival, marking 40 days after the birth of Christ. It is a holiday of purification, with the candles representing the purifying nature of light, both spiritually and physically. It is also the ritual end to the Christmas season, and often Christmas greenery are burned on this day, and holiday decorations are put away.



*New Members Are Joining*

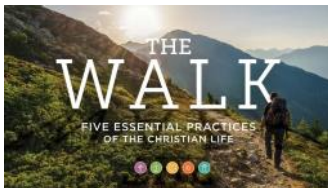
**Interested in becoming a member of Grace UCC?**

**You are Invited to join the New Members Classes**

9:45 AM      Sunday, January 26th  
9:45 AM      Sunday, February 2nd  
11:00 AM     Sunday, February 9th

New Members' Class  
New Members' Class  
New Members Received during  
Worship

If you would like to learn more about the UCC or make Grace your official Church home, please talk to pastor Rob and plan to join us for New Members classes!



**The Walk by Adam Hamilton**

***Lenten Bible Study*—Tuesdays during Lent at 7PM**

**Starting Tuesday, March 3rd!**

Join us as we walk the Lenten Journey looking at important spiritual practices of the Christian life. There is no cost, but to reserve your spot, please email pastor Rob at [pastorrob@grucc.com](mailto:pastorrob@grucc.com) so we have enough books for everyone. Join us!

*(Please note that March 10th there will be no Bible Study due to the Mission trip)*





***Camp Restore New Orleans!***  
***March 8 -14, 2020***  
***Needs your financial support!***



We are absolutely thrilled to announce that on March 8th, FIFTEEN (Yes 15!!) people from Grace UCC will be heading to New Orleans for a Mission trip.

***How can YOU be involved?*** Not everyone can make a mission trip for many reasons, but EVERYONE can be involved! I know there are plans for a silent auction fundraiser. That's a great way to help! And perhaps some of you will want to help even though you can't be present. Your gift will help pay for the trip! This trip is self-pay, so we are not using church funds to offset costs. The van is \$1100, for example. The cost per person for lodging and meals is only \$40/night! If you are able to make a donation to help offset the total cost, please do! Just make sure to earmark your check for New Orleans so we know. Thanks so much!

***"Whoddat going to N'awlins??" Grace Church! Dat's Who!!***



**SILENT AUCTION**

***Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> After Worship***

Although most of the room and board will be at great discount at the Mission Center, additional expenses such as transportation (including the rental of a 15-person van), gas and other incidentals will also be incurred.

***On FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, we are holding a SILENT AUCTION***  
***in the Good Shepherd Room*** right after church to help fundraise for the trip.

If you have any **NEW items to donate**,  
please contact Teddi Garrison or Joan Princler.

***See you on February 16<sup>th</sup> for a N'awlins Style Silent Auction!***



## ***Mardi Grace Dinner at Grace!***

***Join us on February 22nd ~ 5-8 PM***

***as we host a fundraiser dinner at Grace Church***

**Shrimp Etoufee', Chicken and Sausage Gumbo,  
Salad, Dessert, and drinks ~ Price \$25/person**

**We need your help! Please spread the word and invite people to join us!**

Also: help will be needed that week with set-up/decorating as well as tons of food prep and cooking. It's an easy meal, but there are a lot of veggies to chop! Mark your calendars!



**DID YOU KNOW...**

***Grace UCC has a YouTube channel!***



**Watch our Sermons and Choir on**

**YouTube @ GraceLiveFrederick**

Videos are normally posted weekly and ready to view by Sunday Evening.

View our sermons and choir anthems on YouTube.  
Just search on Youtube or on Google for GraceLiveFrederick.

**Please take time to subscribe!**

***Join the GraceLiveFrederick Team!***

**When we reach 100 subscribers we get additional features.**



## Daily Bible Reading

### **Sunday, February 2, 2020:**

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8 ; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

### **Monday, February 3, 2020:**

Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25

### **Tuesday, February 4, 2020:**

Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6

### **Wednesday, February 5, 2020:**

Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26

### **Thursday, February 6, 2020:**

Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5

### **Friday, February 7, 2020:**

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18

### **Saturday, February 8, 2020:**

Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8

### **Sunday, February 9, 2020: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16);

Matthew 5:13-20

## 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES AND ELECTRONIC GIVING

Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex. Simply pick up a box and write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the number that you've chosen. **NOTE:** Some numbers are already reserved and marked for congregation members. Contact the church office if you should have questions.

## Emergency Cleanup Bucket and Supply Drive



You can provide assistance to families and communities affected by flooding, tornados and other disasters.

**Grace Church is still collecting supplies for Church World Service's Emergency Clean Up Bucket kits. Each bucket needs the supplies listed below. Those interested can donate buckets, supplies, or any combination of the two. There is a bin in the back of the Good Shepherd Room where supplies may be dropped off.**

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable, lightweight dry cleaning towels (e.g. Handi wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical)
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent





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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, February 2, 2020**

Scripture Reader: Earl Bartgis

Children's Message: Trish Abell

Children's Church: TBD

Altar Guild: Elizabeth Damazo

#### **Sunday, February 9, 2020**

Scripture Reader: Jerry Princler

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: TBD

Altar Guild: Karen Kehoe

*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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OF CHRIST**

