

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



He Qi's The Risen Lord, 2001

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 25, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Service of the Word
November 25, 2018
Reign of Christ

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 "Duke Street" Jonas Dawson
John Hatton, arr. Talmage W. Dean

Welcome *Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.*

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choral Introit Excerpt from "How Can I Say Thanks" Grace Choir
Andraé Crouch (1971)

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).

People: **We come to worship the one who rules justly (2 Samuel 23:34).**

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness The firstborn of the dead, The ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

People: **Bread of Heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23.)**

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1.)

People: **Eternal Word, Great I AM (John 1, John 8:58).**

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6.)

All: **We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19.16.)**
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Rev. 1:6.)

***Opening Hymn** Crown With your Richest Crowns NCH #301

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

We Listen

| | | |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| First Reading | 2 Samuel 23:1-7 | Earl Bartgis |
| Second Reading | Psalms 132:1-12 | Earl Bartgis |
| Choral Anthem | "Beautiful Savior" Münster Gesangbuch (1677) translated by J. A. Seiss (1873), arr. David Allen | Grace Choir |

***Gospel Reading** John 18:33-37 Rev. 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 "Keep Christ in Christian!" Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "A Contemplative Prayer" Jonas Dawson
David Lasky

*Prayer of Dedication

*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.

We are Sent

Announcements

*Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn

"Beautiful Jesus"

NCH #44

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Excerpt from "How Can I Say Thanks"
Andraé Crouch (1971)

Grace Choir

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude

"Processional"
Walker Baylor (1975), edited by Carson Cooman
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Jonas Dawson



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Barrick.

~by Jean Barrick

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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!***

### Grace UCC

#### Outreach Ministry Commission

will be holding a **meeting** after worship on

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

for all who are interested in joining this commission or just want to learn more about it's ministry and mission at Grace.

Contact: Trevor Addie at [trevor.grucc@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.grucc@gmail.com)

# Grace Advent & Christmas Calendar

|                        |                    |                                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday, November 24  | 9AM                | Deck the Halls at Grace (decorate)                                                                                                 |
| Sunday, November 25    | 12N                | Deck the Halls at Grace (decorate)                                                                                                 |
| Thursday, November 29  | 10:30AM<br>6:30PM  | Advent Study/Homewood &<br>Advent Study/Grace UCC                                                                                  |
| Saturday, December 1   | 12N-8PM            | Christkindlmarkt                                                                                                                   |
| Sunday, December 2     | 11AM               | <b>First Sunday of Advent Worship</b>                                                                                              |
| Thursday, December 6   | 10:30AM<br>6:30PM  | Advent Study/Homewood &<br>Advent Study/Grace UCC                                                                                  |
| Sunday, December 9     | 10:30AM<br>11AM    | Children's Rehearsal/Festival of Lessons and Carols<br><b>Second Sunday of Advent Worship</b>                                      |
| Thursday, December 13  | 10:30AM<br>6:30PM  | Advent Study/Homewood &<br>Advent Study/Grace UCC                                                                                  |
| Sunday, December 16    | 11AM               | <b>Third Sunday of Advent Worship</b><br><b>Christmas Cantata/Grace Choir</b>                                                      |
| Thursday, December 20  | 10:30AM<br>6:30PM  | Advent Study/Homewood<br>Advent Study/Grace UCC                                                                                    |
| Sunday, December 23    | 10:30AM<br>11:00AM | Children's Rehearsal/Festival of Lessons and Carols<br>Worship Service &<br><b>Grace Children's/Festival of Lessons and Carols</b> |
| Monday, December 24    | 7:30PM             | <b>Christmas Eve Service</b>                                                                                                       |
| Tuesday, December 25   |                    | <i>Merry Christmas!</i>                                                                                                            |
| Wednesday, December 26 | 4-9PM              | Grace UCC is a stop on the<br>Candlelight Tour of Historic Houses of Worship/music all evening                                     |



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! GRACE UPCOMING EVENTS

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Saturday, December 1

Christkindmarkt 2018!

Volunteers are needed! Speak with Pastor Rob.
Spaces are still available for vendors, and crafters.
Contact Teddi Garrison at tgarrison00725@gmail.com



Advent Study: The Gift of the Nutcracker begins Thursday, November 29

**Thursdays throughout Advent
11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20**

Morning or Evening Study Group
10:30 AM at Homewood (activities room)

or

6:30 PM at Grace Church (pizza and drinks provided)

The Nutcracker was first performed in 1892, and quickly became a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day. In *The Gift of The Nutcracker*, Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this four-week Advent study, Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build.

Join us!



GRACE CHOIR CANTATA REHEARSAL

Sundays 11/18-12/9

9:15AM-10:45AM

Sunday Morning Choir Rehearsals (choir room/sanctuary)

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| Thursday 11/29 | 7-9PM | Cantata Rehearsal (choir room/sanctuary) |
| Sunday 12/2 | 7-9:30PM | Orchestra Rehearsal (sanctuary) |
| Thursday 12/6 | 7-9PM | “First Thursday” Choir Rehearsal (choir room) |
| Saturday 12/15 | 10AM-12N | Cantata Dress Rehearsal (sanctuary) |
| Sunday 12/16 | 11AM | Worship & Cantata |

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.



Do you get a little chilly in church?

Please know that there are knitted 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!



Daily Bible Reading

Nov 25 Reign of Christ
Proper 29 (34)
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Nov 26 Psalm 63
2 Kings 23:15-25
Revelation 11:1-14

Nov 27 Psalm 63
1 Samuel 17:55-18:5
Revelation 11:15-19

Nov 28 Psalm 63
2 Samuel 2:1-7
John 16:25-33

Nov 29 Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:6-15
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Nov 30 Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:16-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Dec 1 Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:26-31
Luke 21:20-24

Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36



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.



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. Simply click the PayPal button at the bottom of the 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.**



A LOOK
at the
BUDGET

October Treasurer's Report

| | October 2018 | 2018 Year-to-Date |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Income: | \$ 14,069.21 | \$ 152,856.84 |
| Expenses: | (\$ 19,201.76) | \$ 208,876.21 |
| Difference: | (\$ 5,132.55) | (\$ 56,029.37) |

GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 25

Reign of Christ Sunday

- 9:45 AM Christian Education classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)/Rev. Dr. Rob Apgar-Taylor
- 12 NOON Deck the Halls at Grace
- 5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

Monday, November 26

- 10:00AM & 3:30 PM Eileen Estes - voice lessons (rm 3)

Tuesday, November 27

- 5:30PM Eileen Estes - voice lessons (rm 3)
- 6:30 PM ManKind Project (bsmt)
- 7:00 PM Council Meeting (rm 3)

Wednesday, November 28

- 6:30PM TFC Youth Group (downstairs)

Thursday, November 29

- 10:30 AM Advent Study at Homewood
- 6:30 PM Advent Study at Grace (rm 13)

Friday, November 30

- 12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

Saturday, December 1

- 12 NOON Christkindlmarkt at Grace

Sunday, December 2

1st Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 AM Christian Education classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)/Rev. Dr. Rob Apgar-Taylor
- 12:00 NOON Outreach Comm. Mtg - Come join us!
- 5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**





Grace United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday, November 25

Scripture Reader: Earl Bartgis

Children's Message: Earl Bartgis

Children's Church: Colleen Street

Altar Guild: Joan Princler

Sunday, December 2

Scripture Reader: Carol Garrison

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: TBD

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 on the refrigerator in the Good Shepherd Room.