

# Grace United Church of Christ



Sunday, December 15, 2019  
Third Sunday of Advent  
11:00 a.m.



Lighting the Advent Candle

L: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy

**P: May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.**

L: May the Joy of Christ fill our hearts and minds

**P: May the joy of our salvation spread to our neighbors and our communities until all the world chimes into our shouts of praise.**

(Light the Candle)

Sung Response:

“We Light the Advent Candles”  
(verse 3)

Insert



Christmas DREAMS  
A Cantata  
(see program insert)

*We Respond*

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Pastoral Melody"  
Iouri Grichetchkine (b. 1966)

Jonas Dawson

\*Offertory Prayer

\* 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

"Make Way"

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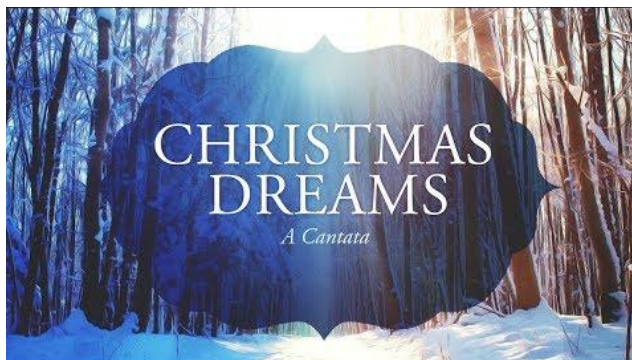
\*Benediction

*Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell*

\*Postlude

"Postlude on 'Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People'" Jonas Dawson  
Louis Bourgeois, arr. Matthew McConnell (b. 1980)

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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!***



**Advent Study w/pizza at Grace  
Tuesday, December 17 ~ 6:30PM  
"The Crippled Lamb"**



**Advent Study at Homewood  
Thursdays, December 19 ~ 10:30AM**



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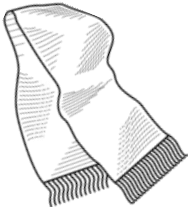
## CARING & SHARING PRAYER LIST

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.*** If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please contact the church office at [admin@crucc.com](mailto:admin@crucc.com)

|                  |                                                                              |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Millie Davis     | 801 Pine Ave., Frederick, MD 21701                                           |
| Joe Free         | Citizens Nursing & Rehab Center                                              |
| Miriam Himes     | Edenton, Orchard Terrace, 5905 Edenton Court, Room #705, Frederick, MD 21702 |
| Charlotte Hoover | 7404 Willow Road, Nursing at Meadows, Frederick, MD 21702                    |
| Pam Kehne        | 1632 Wall Dr., Pasadena, MD 21122                                            |
| Betty Linton     | Sunrise Senior Living 990 Waterford Dr., Unit 206, Frederick, MD 21702       |

*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.*

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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!

# GRACE UCC WEEKLY CALENDAR

## **Sunday, December 15**

Third Sunday of Advent

Heartbeat of Justice

9:45 AM Christian Educ.

11:00 AM Worship & CANTATA:  
"Christmas Dreams"

4:45 PM Serve at Soup Kitchen

## **Monday, December 16**

6:30 PM TFC Young Adults

## **Tuesday, December 17**

6:30 PM Advent Study w/pizza at Grace

6:30 PM Mankind Project

## **Wednesday, December 18**

6:30 PM TFC Youth Group

## **Thursday, December 19**

10:30 AM Advent Study at Homewood

6:00 PM FCHD support group

7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study

## **Friday, December 20**

Poinsettias Delivered

## **Saturday, December 21**

## **Sunday, December 22**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

God with Us

9:45 AM Christian Educ.

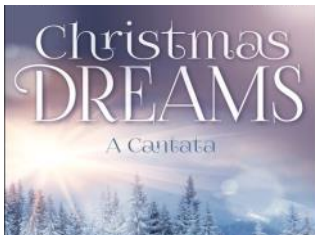
**11:00 AM Worship**

**7:00 PM Advent/Christmas  
Service in German**





# Grace Advent & Christmas Calendar of Events



Sunday, December 15

11AM

Third Sunday of Advent Worship &  
CANTATA, "Christmas Dreams"

Sunday, December 15

4:45PM

Serve at FCMA Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, December 17

6:30PM

Advent Study w/pizza at Grace

Thursday, December 19

10:30AM

Advent Study at Homewood

Sunday, December 22

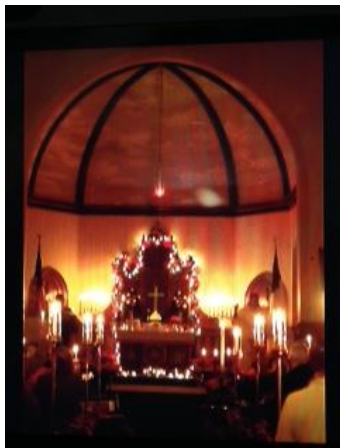
11AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship  
Christmas Fund Special Offering

Sunday, December 22

7PM

*Advent/Christmas Service in German*  
with German hymns and candlelight



Tuesday, December 24

7:30PM

*Christmas Eve Service*

Wednesday, December 25

*Christmas Day*

Thursday, December 26

4-9PM

*2019 Candlelight Tour of Historic Houses of  
Worship*





## 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.**



### **Sanctuary Audio/Video Project Update**

We continue our work towards completing our AV system installation the goal of being able to provide in-service projection on the wall, and live streaming to the internet.

At the moment **ONLY** the sermon and the anthems are being posted on the internet. Any change in this will be clearly

communicated.

### **Please consider joining the Grace AV Team!**

We need both system operators and individuals to discuss privacy and policy, and to help brainstorm ideas to grow our digital footprint!

If you are interested please speak with Mark Edwards or mail [mse103@mac.com](mailto:mse103@mac.com)



## Daily Bible Reading



### **Sunday, December 15, 2019:**

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

### **Monday, December 16, 2019:**

Psalms 42

Isaiah 29:17-24

Acts 5:12-16

### **Tuesday, December 17, 2019:**

Psalms 42

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Jude 1:17-25

### **Wednesday, December 18, 2019:**

Psalms 42

Zachariah 8:1-17

Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34

### **Thursday, December 19, 2019:**

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

2 Samuel 7:1-17

Galatians 3:23-29

### **Friday, December 20, 2019:**

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

2 Samuel 7:18-22

Galatians 4:1-7

### **Saturday, December 21, 2019:**

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

2 Samuel 7:23-29

John 3:31-36

### **Sunday, December 22, 2019:**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25





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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, December 15, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Rob Apgar  
NO Children's Message TODAY  
NO Children's Church TODAY  
Altar Guild: Sergei Travis

#### **Sunday, December 22, 2019**

Scripture Reader: John Brehmer  
Children's Message: Carol Garrison  
Children's Church: Colleen Street  
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Damazo

*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**

