



Hope

*You are the God who saves me.
I put my hope in you all day long.*

— P S A L M 2 5 : 5

Holy Communion
First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
11:00 a.m.

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 "Prelude on 'Savior of the Nations, Come'" Jonas Dawson
from Erfurt Enchiridia (1524), arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

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

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choral Introit "Wait for the Lord" Grace Choir
Jacques Berthier (1998)

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Christ, God's gift to the world, shall come:

People: For those who feel despair will know hope.

Leader: For those who are oppressed will know freedom

People: For those who are lonely will know love.

Leader: For those who are suffering will know inner peace.

People: O Christ, Lord of the world, your time is now!

All: Fill our hearts with joy!

*Opening Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" NCH #116

***Opening Prayer/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

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath 1st Candle: Candle of Hope

Leader: These are fearful days:

Words of hate, Acts of terror, Welcomes withheld, Truths denied.

People: Anxiety is a constant companion; Hope feels like a stranger.

Leader: We call out in our anxiety:

People: Show us how you work, GOD; School us in your ways.

Take us by the hand; Lead us down the path of [well-being].

You are our Savior, aren't you?

Mark the milestones of your mercy and love, GOD....

Leader: We remind ourselves of God's ancient promises:

Justice is coming! Love is on the way!

Lift up your heads and watch for the signs!

Leader: Let us light this first candle of Advent, a candle of Hope.

In its light, let us think about what signs we are seeing
of God at work in our lives and in our world right now.

Let this candle of Advent Hope shine in our hearts all week
And remind us to lift up our heads and open our eyes
to watch all around us for signs of the Holy One. Amen.

*Hymn Toda La Tierra (All Earth is Waiting) verse 1 NCH #121

We Listen

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Carol Garrison

Choral Anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Grace Choir
French traditional carol, harmonized by Katherine K. Davis

*Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children's Message Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

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

“The Days are coming??!!”

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Reflection on 'Conditor alme siderum'"
Plainchant, Mode IV, Sarum, arr. David Lasky

Jonas Dawson

*Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

NCH #345

*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

"Keep Awake, Be Always Ready"

NCH #112

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction Sevenfold Amen, John Stainer (1901) Grace Choir

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Postlude "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Jonas Dawson
Christian Friedrich Witt (1715), arr. Gregory Hamilton

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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!***  
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# Grace Advent & Christmas Calendar

|                       |         |                                                     |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday, December 2    | 11AM    | First Sunday of Advent Worship                      |
| Thursday, December 6  | 10:30AM | Advent Study/Homewood &                             |
|                       | 6:30PM  | Advent Study/Grace UCC                              |
| Sunday, December 9    | 10:30AM | Children's Rehearsal/Festival of Lessons and Carols |
|                       | 11AM    | Second Sunday of Advent Worship                     |
| Thursday, December 13 | 10:30AM | Advent Study/Homewood &                             |
|                       | 6:30PM  | Advent Study/Grace UCC                              |
| Sunday, December 16   | 11AM    | Third Sunday of Advent Worship                      |
|                       |         | Christmas Cantata/Grace Choir                       |
| Thursday, December 20 | 10:30AM | Advent Study/Homewood                               |
|                       | 6:30PM  | Advent Study/Grace UCC                              |
| Sunday, December 23   | 10:30AM | Children's Rehearsal/Festival of Lessons and Carols |
|                       | 11:00AM | Worship Service &                                   |
|                       |         | Grace Children's/Festival of Lessons and Carols     |
| Monday, December 24   | 7:30PM  | Christmas Eve Service                               |

Tuesday, December 25

*Merry Christmas!*

Wednesday, December 26      4-9PM      Grace UCC on  
Candlelight Tour of Historic Houses of Worship - music all evening





## 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!

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WHAT: Grace Youth Group

Christmas Bash



WHAT: Wednesday, December 12 at 7pm

WHERE: Grace UCC

*Come celebrate Christmas with the Youth Group!*

*We'll have pizza, Christmas cookies, games,  
and talk about future Grace Youth events.*

~ Jessica Townsley



## *Grace Choir Cantata Rehearsal*



Sundays thru 12/9

9:15AM-10:45AM

Sunday Morning Choir Rehearsals

(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                             |

### **Grace UCC’s 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)

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

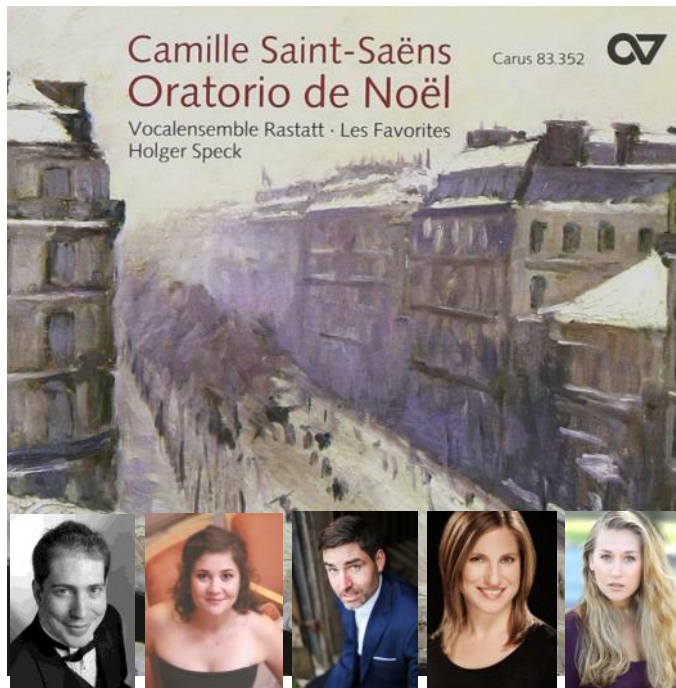
Please know that there are knitted shawls available for you to use as you need. They are spread throughout the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you don't see one near you. Many thanks to Pam Marshall for this idea and for making the shawls!



*Join us for*  
**Grace UCC's**  
**Christmas Cantata**  
**Camille Saint-Saens - Oratorio de Noel**  
**Sunday, December 16th**  
**11AM (during worship)**

***Led by Jonas Dawson, Grace UCC, Director of Music***

***Music Performed by Grace Choir, guest soloists & guest orchestra***



**Soloists:** Eric Black, Baritone; Lawren Hill, Soprano;  
Joseph Regan, Tenor; Lisa Dodson, Soprano;  
Jennifer Pagano, Soprano/Alto

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Join us for a fun and inspiring service of

*Lessons and Carols featuring the children of Grace!*

*Sunday, December 23rd*

*11:00 AM (during worship)*



Join us for a fun and inspiring service of Lessons and Carols as we close out the Advent season and prepare for Christmas!

This service of music and readings will feature music and readings by the children at Grace.

*Music practice for the kids*

*will be held on two Sundays,*

*Dec 9th and 23rd from 10:30-10:45AM.*

Any young people who would like to read in the service, please let pastor Rob know!

# 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL — CANDLELIGHT TOUR of — HISTORIC HOUSES of WORSHIP

*A Self-Guided Walking Tour*  
IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FREDERICK

**Wednesday, December 26, 2018 • 4–9pm**

Holiday Music • Self-Guided Walking Tour • Seasonal Decorations and Refreshments

**THE TOUR WILL FEATURE 11 HISTORIC WORSHIP SITES:**

Evangelical Lutheran Church • Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ  
Trinity Chapel United Church of Christ • All Saints' Episcopal Church  
Asbury United Methodist Church • Joseph Dill Baker Carillon  
Calvary United Methodist Church • Frederick Presbyterian Church  
Centennial Memorial United Methodist Church  
Grace United Church of Christ • St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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PROGRAM INFORMATION.



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For your free copy of the tour brochure (including a map), call or stop by the Frederick Visitor Center  
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Tour Information Center (Dec. 26): 19 E. Church Street, Frederick

*The Candlelight Tour of Historic Houses of Worship is sponsored by THE PLAMONDON COMPANIES,  
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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.**

## CHURCH DIRECTORIES

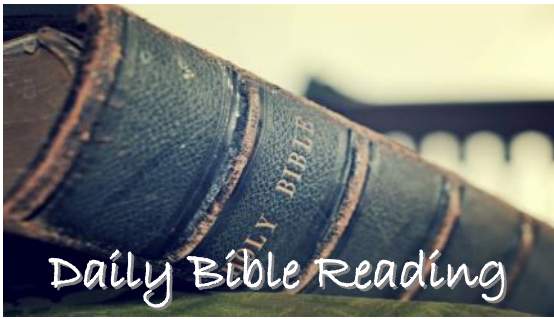
Do you need an updated copy of our member directory? Please contact the church office or speak to an usher on Sunday morning. Due to privacy concerns, we do not publish our directory on the church website.



### October Treasurer's Report

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





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

Dec 3      Psalm 90  
 Numbers 17:1-11  
 2 Peter 3:1-18

Dec 4      Psalm 90  
 2 Samuel 7:18-29  
 Revelation 22:12-16

Dec 5      Psalm 90  
 Isaiah 1:24-31  
 Luke 11:29-32

Dec 6      Luke 1:68-79  
 Malachi 3:5-12  
 Philippians 1:12-18a

Dec 7      Luke 1:68-79  
 Malachi 3:13-18  
 Philippians 1:18b-26

Dec 8      Luke 1:68-79  
 Malachi 4:1-6  
 Luke 9:1-6

Dec 9      Second Sunday of Advent  
 Baruch 5:1-9  
 Malachi 3:1-4  
 Luke 1:68-79  
 Philippians 1:3-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

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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.



# GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

## **Sunday, December 2**

### **1st Sunday of Advent & Holy Communion**

- 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)

## **Monday, December 3**

- 10:00AM & 3:30 PM Eileen Estes - voice lessons (rm 3)
- 6:30 PM TFC Young Adult Group (2nd fl)

## **Tuesday, December 4**

- 5:00 PM Karlene Kaufman Memorial and Fellowship
- 5:30PM Eileen Estes - voice lessons (rm 3)
- 6:30 PM ManKind Project (bsmt)

## **Wednesday, December 5**

- 6:30PM TFC Youth Group (downstairs)

## **Thursday, December 6**

- 10:30 AM Advent Study at Homewood
- 6:30 PM Advent Study at Grace (rm 13)
- 6:30 PM GAMMA Meeting (2nd fl)

## **Friday, December 7**

- 12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

## **Saturday, December 8**

- 8:30 AM Redemption City Church/Women's Gathering (GSR)
- 9:00 AM Grace Men's Breakfast/Bob Evans on Rte 40

## **Sunday, December 9**

### **2nd Sunday of Advent**

- 9:45 AM Christian Education classes
- 11:00 AM Worship (S)/Rev. Dr. Rob Apgar-Taylor
- 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, December 2**

Scripture Reader: Carol Garrison

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church: Rob Apgar

Altar Guild: Gwen Edwards

### **Sunday, December 9**

Scripture Reader: Rob Apgar

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  
on the refrigerator in the Good Shepherd Room.*