



*Silent Night*  
HOLY NIGHT

**Christmas Eve**  
**Service of the Word and Eucharist**  
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*Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this evening.*

**This evening we will use the red hymnal.**  
*\*Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

***We Gather***

**Prelude**            "Wexford Carol", Irish Traditional Carol, arr. John Rutter  
                      "In the Bleak Midwinter", Gustav Holst, arr. Craig Courtney  
                      "Adam lay ybounden", Peter Warlock  
                      "Partita for violin No. 3, BWV 1006, Loure", Johann Sebastian Bach  
                      *performed by Andrew Nixon, violin and Jonas Dawson, piano*

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

**Call to Worship**

*L: Christ is born; give him glory!*

***P: Christ has come down from heaven; receive him! Christ is now on earth; exalt him!***

*L: O you earth, sing to the Lord!*

***P: O you nations, praise him in joy, for Christ has been glorified!***

*L: Jesus Christ, the Lord, is born!*

***P: O Come, Let us adore him!***

\*Processional

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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\*Opening Prayer

### \*Gloria in Excelsis (unison)

Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth.  
Lord God, Sovereign One, Almighty God, Creator,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Almighty,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of Glory:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Eternal. Amen.

### \*Passing the Peace

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

ONE: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world

ALL: **A light no darkness can extinguish!**

Sung Response: Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

#### First Reading

Isaiah 9: 2-7

#### Responsive Reading (based on Psalm 96)

L: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

P: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

L: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

P: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

ALL: **Let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**Special Music****"O Holy Night"**

music by Adolphe Charles Adam (1803-1856), words by Cappeau de Roquemaure,  
translated by John S. Dwight (1813-1893), arr. Mark Hayes,  
*performed by Andrew Nixon, accompanied by Jonas Dawson*

**Second Reading**

Titus 2: 11-14

**Carol****"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"**

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**Gospel**

Luke 2: 1-20

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

**Sermon**

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

*We Respond***Call for Tithes and Offerings****Offertory****"There's a Song in the Air"**

Jonas Dawson

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932), arr. Karl P. Harrington

**Offering Prayer****Communion Carol****"Away in a Manger"**

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**Invitation to Holy Communion****Eucharistic Prayer**

ONE: God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to God.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

ONE: We give you thanks and praise Eternal Spirit that you come to us in saving love...

With the shepherds and angels and saints throughout the ages we join our voices in grateful song:

### **Response**

**Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen.**

### **Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup**

#### **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.**

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)**

**O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that we, who know the mystery of that light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven, where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God in Glory. Amen.**

### **The Christmas Blessing**

*(The lights will be gradually dimmed as we sing this carol.*

*When passing the lit candle, please dip your unlit candle into the lighted one.*

*Parents should use discretion when giving candles to children.)*

**Verse 1**

Silent night! holy night! All is calm, all is bright;  
‘Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

**Verse 2**

Silent night! holy night! Darkness flies, all is light;  
Shepherds hear the angels sing: Alleluia! hail the king!  
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.

**Verse 4**

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous Star, lend thy light!  
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*(extinguish candles)*

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**Christmas Eve marks 200th anniversary of beloved carol ‘Silent Night’**

Exactly 200 years ago this Christmas Eve — Dec. 24, 1818 — in a little church in what is now Austria, the world heard for the first time a poem set to music that eventually would be hailed as one of the most popular and beloved Christmas carols of all time.



## 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!***



## Youth Trip to the Zoo Lights

at the National Zoo

Friday, December 28th

leave Grace at 1 PM, return at 7 PM

No cost for the trip but youth will need money for food and drinks throughout the afternoon.

Please email pastor Rob at [Pastorrob@grucc.com](mailto:Pastorrob@grucc.com) to RSVP.

***Bring a Friend! Friends are welcome!***



***Following Christmas Eve Service...***

***All are Welcome!!***

It is Grace UCC tradition to meet for dinner  
after Christmas Eve Service for food and fellowship.

***Join us at***

**The Flaming Grill**

**1003 W Patrick St**

**Frederick, MD 21702**

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*Grill & Supreme Buffet*

Grace Advent & Christmas Calendar

**Tuesday, December 25**

***Merry Christmas!***

**Wednesday, December 26**

**4-9PM Grace UCC -- part of Candlelight Tour**

**of Historic Houses of Worship in**

**Downtown Frederick.**

**Choral Music all evening at Grace.**



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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Tour Information Center (Dec. 26): 19 E. Church Street, Frederick

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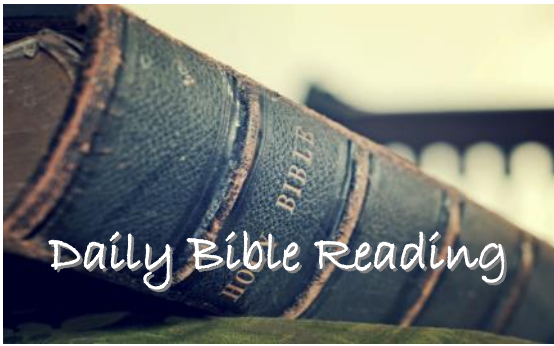
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Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 23, 2018

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Christmas Eve/Monday, December 24

Christmas Day/Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Nativity of the Lord - Proper I

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Psalm 148  
2 Chronicles 24:17-24  
Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

Thursday, December 27, 2018

Psalm 148  
Proverbs 8:32-36  
John 21:19b-24

Friday, December 28, 2018

Psalm 148  
Isaiah 54:1-13  
Revelation 21:1-7

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Psalm 147:12-20  
1 Chronicles 28:1-10  
1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Sunday, December 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas Day

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

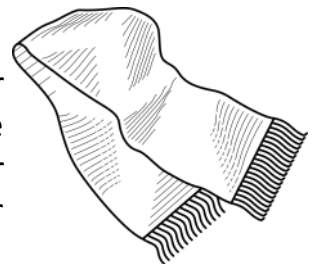
Monday, December 31, 2018

Psalm 147:12-20  
1 Kings 3:5-14  
John 8:12-19

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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 CHURCH CALENDAR

## GRACE UCC CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 24, 2018 - JANUARY 1, 2019.

Office re-opens Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

**Monday, December 24**

**7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service**



**Tuesday, December 25**

***Merry Christmas!***

3:00 PM Redemption City Church  
Christmas Celebration

**Wednesday, December 26**

**4:00 PM Candlelight Church Tours**  
**At Grace UCC. A variety of Choir Music all Evening.**

**Friday, December 28**

12:30PM Coffee with COIPP (GSR)

**1:00 PM Grace Youth Trip to Zoo Lights at the National Zoo**

**Sunday, December 30**

First Sunday after Christmas

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship

5:00 PM Redemption City Church (S)

**Monday, December 31**

New Year's Eve

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

***Happy New Year!***





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*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.

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*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**

