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*Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this evening.*

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

***We Gather***

**Prelude**

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

**Call to Worship**

L: Jesus Christ, the Lord, is born!

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

**\*Processional** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #112

**\*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! (From Angels We Have Heard on High)

### 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.**

**Choral Anthem**

**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**

“Mary without Hands”

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

***We Respond***

**Call for Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**Offering Prayer**

**Communion Carol**

“Away in a Manger”

# 109

**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 (sung)**

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)*

**\*Postlude**

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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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### **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!



***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**

***Flaming***  
*Grill & Supreme Buffet*



# GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR

**Grace UCC Church Office Closed: Dec 24, 2019 - JAN 1, 2020**  
**Office re-opens Thursday, January 2, 2020**



**Wednesday, December 25**

***Merry Christmas!***



**Thursday, December 26**

**4:00-9:00 PM**

*Grace is on the Tour!*

**Candlelight Tour of  
Historic Houses of Worship**

**A variety of Choir Music all Evening.**

**Friday, December 27**

**Saturday, December 28**

**Sunday, December 29**

First Sunday of Christmas

Cosmic Praise

9:45 AM Christian Education classes

11:00 AM Worship—Pastor Jessica Townsley preaching

Following Worship: December Birthday Celebration

**Monday, December 30**

**Tuesday, December 31**

***New Year's Eve***

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020**

***New Year's Day***



## Daily Bible Reading

Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2019:  
Nativity of the Lord - Proper I  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2019:  
Nativity of the Lord - Proper II  
Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

Tuesday, December 24 & 25, 2019:  
Nativity of the Lord - Proper III  
Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)  
John 1:1-14

Thursday, December 26, 2019:  
Psalm 148  
Wisdom 4:7-15  
Acts 7:59-8:8

Friday, December 27, 2019:  
Psalm 148  
Proverbs 8:22-31  
1 John 5:1-12

Saturday, December 28, 2019:  
Psalm 148  
Isaiah 49:13-23  
Matthew 18:1-14

Sunday, December 29, 2019:  
First Sunday after Christmas Day  
Isaiah 63:7-9  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23

Monday, December 30, 2019:  
Psalm 20  
Isaiah 26:1-9  
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Tuesday, December 31, 2019:  
Psalm 20  
1 Kings 3:5-14  
John 8:12-19





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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 AM

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

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OF CHRIST**

