

Grace United Church of Christ



Sunday, December 29, 2019
First Sunday after Christmas
11:00 a.m.

Call to Worship
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Welcome! It is a pleasure to have you with us this morning.

This morning we will use the New Century Hymnal (NCH) and green Worship & Song hymnal (W&S)

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome

Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew.

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choir Introit

*Call to Worship

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

P: Praise God, all You angels; praise God, all you host!

L: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

P: Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God commanded and they were created.

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

L: Let us praise the name of the LORD, for God's name alone is exalted; whose glory is above earth and heaven.

*Opening Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

NCH # 144

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Send, o God, into the darkness of this troubled world,
the light of your Son.**

**Let the star of your hope touch the minds of all people
with the bright beams of mercy and truth;**

and so direct our steps that we may ever walk in the way revealed to us,

**as the shepherds of Bethlehem walked with joy
to the manger where he dwelled,
who now and ever reigns in our hearts, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Act of Praise

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Passing the Peace

Choral Anthem

We Listen

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

Vonnie Crum

*Sequence Hymn

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

NCH # 165

*Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

Children’s Message

Pastor Rob

Following the Children’s Message, Kindergarten through 5th graders are invited to the fellowship hall for Children’s Church; a time of Bible lessons, crafts, songs and fun activities. For children 5 years and younger, our Nursery is available during the worship service.

Sermon

“Keep Herod in Christmas!”

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*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

"Joy to the World"

NCH # 132

*Benediction

Ringing of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude

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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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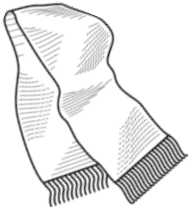
## CARING & SHARING PRAYER LIST

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 29

First Sunday of Christmas

Cosmic Praise

9:45 AM Christian Educ.

11:00 AM Worship

Following Worship: December Birthday Celebration

**\*The Church Office will be closed through Wednes, Jan 1st and will re-open on Thurs, Jan 2nd.**

## \*Monday, December 30

Church Office Closed



## \*Tuesday, December 31

Church Office Closed

New Year's Eve

## \*Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Church Office Closed

New Year's Day

## Thursday, January 2, 2020

Church Office Open

7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study

## Friday, January 3, 2020

Saturday, January 4, 2020

## Sunday, January 5, 2020

Second Sunday after Christmas

Another Road

9:45 AM Christian Educ.

11:00 AM Worship: Esther Zieger preaching (Pastor Rob on vaca)



## Monday, January 6, 2020

EPIPHANY



## 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 29, 2019:**

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

### **Monday, December 30, 2019:**

Psalms 20

Isaiah 26:1-9

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

### **Tuesday, December 31, 2019:**

Psalms 20

1 Kings 3:5-14

John 8:12-19

### **Wednesday, January 1, 2020:**

New Year's Day

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Psalms 8

Revelation 21:1-6a

Matthew 25:31-46

### **Thursday, January 2, 2020:**

Psalms 20

Genesis 12:1-7

Hebrews 11:1-12

### **Friday, January 3, 2020:**

Psalms 72

Genesis 28:10-22

Hebrews 11:13-22

### **Saturday, January 4, 2020:**

Psalms 72

Exodus 3:1-5

Hebrews 11:23-31

### **Sunday, January 5, 2020:**

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12

Psalms 147:12-20 or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9), 10-18

### **Monday, January 6, 2020:**

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12



# Emergency Cleanup Buckets

You can provide assistance to families and communities affected by flooding, tornados and other disasters.

Grace will begin our Mission work this year by once more holding a supply drive for Church World Service. This year's project is an Emergency Clean Up Bucket Drive.

**Throughout January, Grace Church will be collecting five (5) gallon buckets with resealable lids, scouring pads, sponges, scrub brushes,** and more to be donated to assist families and communities affected by flooding, tornadoes, and other disasters. A complete list of needed supplies as well as options for monetary donations can be found at <https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/>.

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# CONFRONTING VIOLENCE IN HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### **Sunday, December 29, 2019**

Scripture Reader: Vonnie Crum

Children's Message: Pastor Rob

Children's Church:

Altar Guild: Karen Kehoe

#### **Sunday, January 5, 2020**

Scripture Reader:

Children's Message:

Children's Church:

Altar Guild:

*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.*

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

