



Grace United Church of Christ 25 E. Second St. Frederick, MD

November 5, 2017

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints Sunday
Stewardship Sunday**

Service of the Word and Sacrament
November 5, 2017
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Saints Sunday
Stewardship Sunday

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

This morning we will use the *New Century Hymnal* (NCH).
It is the black hymnal found in the pew racks.

**Indicates when people are invited to stand.*

We Gather

Prelude: "Ye Servants of God"

- by Johann M. Haydn, arr. Raymond H. Herbek

Greeting

Please sign the red Friendship Book in your pew

Call of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Choral Introit: "I Woke Up This Morning"

- African-American spiritual, arr. Jeffrey Radford

Call to Worship:

Leader: We remember, O God...

People: The countless saints of history

Leader: who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

We remember, O God...

People: The tender touch of loved ones,

the example of heroes,

the healing words of comforters,

the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

Leader: We remember, O God...

**People: The gentle strength of grandmothers,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.**

Leader: We remember, O God...

**People: The supreme love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.**

Leader: We remember in every time and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.

**People: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us worship God with joy!**

*Processional Hymn: #299 "For All the Saints"

*Opening Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

We Listen

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

- Teddi Garrison

Choral Anthem: "Our Guiding Star"

- words by Fanny Crosby, music by Craig Courtney

*Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

- Pastor Rob

Children's Message

- Pastor Rob

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: "St. Howard of Kingston"

- Pastor Rob

Stewardship Moment

Offering of Our Pledges

We Respond

Pastoral Prayer

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: "Song of Hope"

- by Iouri Grichetchkine

*Prayer of Dedication

*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: #295 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction: “Rule of Life”

- words by John Wesley, music by Edward Bonnemere

Ringling of the Engelbrecht Memorial Bell

Postlude: “We’re Marching to Zion”

- by Robert Lowry, setting by Gordon Young

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 5th 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 worship this morning, please join us for fellowship.

Welcome to Grace Church!



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.

*The flowers on the altar this morning
are given by
Patti and Sue Flanders-Lombardi,
with thanks and gratitude for their
wonderful Grace family.*



**Annual Congregational Meeting
NEXT Sunday, November 12, 2017**

The Church Council of Grace United Church of Christ has called the Annual Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, November 12, 2017, following worship. During the meeting, the Treasurer and the Finance and Property Commission will present the 2018 Budget for congregational review. The 2016-2017 Annual Report will also be presented. The 2016-2017 Annual Report has been published and is available for pickup. One copy has been labeled for each member household; additional copies are available in the Library and the Narthex.

Also at the meeting, new Church Council members will be elected to serve in the upcoming year. The following members have been nominated for Council positions:

- Missy Moxley, President
- Jerry Princler, Vice President
- Lloyd Taylor, Treasurer
- Vonnie Crum, Secretary
- Mark Edwards, Finance and Property Commission Chair
- Oi Kettavong, At-Large Member (2-year term)
- Gary Johnson, At-Large Member (1-year term, filling a vacated position)

It's important to get as many members in attendance as we can; please plan to join us!



Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/GraceUCCFrederick

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ministries Fair TODAY after worship

Please join our Commission and Committee chairs in the Good Shepherd Room to find out where Grace Church needs *your* time and talents!

November 17th and 18th

Central Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting

Embassy Suites - Inner Harbor, Baltimore

Please contact the church office ASAP to register. Space is limited!

Sunday, November 19th

Grace's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, December 2nd

CHRISTKINDLMARKT 2017!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Become a member of the Homewood Auxiliary

We are called to help each other - a friendly smile, a helping hand, a light in the darkness. For Homewood health care center residents, the Homewood Auxiliary is a light that brings joy and compassion - above and beyond the care they receive. And it's been that way since our very beginnings.

Many auxiliary members serve as volunteers or plan and participate in fund-raising events; while others simply join for the satisfaction of knowing their membership lets their light shine for Homewood residents.

Grace's Homewood Auxiliary Representative, Sarah Drenning, will be renewing memberships and adding new memberships during the month of November. Please consider giving a donation of \$3 (or more!) to add your name and support to the thousands who serve Homewood's residents. Please see Sarah after worship to join. Let your light shine at Homewood!

To learn more about the Homewood Auxiliary, please speak to Sarah, or visit homewood.com/about/auxiliary-volunteer.



Multi-faith Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 21st

7:30 p.m.

Beth Sholom Congregation
1011 North Market Street, Frederick

Notes from the Worship & Education Ministry Commission

Advent Group Study for Adults

Beginning November 30th at 6:30 p.m. is our Adult Advent Group Study. The discussion is on Adam Hamilton's book, "Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph." If you've attended the Advent Group in the past, you already know how much fun we have and how much we learn, with open discussions and lots of laughter. If you haven't attended, why not give it a try this year? We'll bring the pizza!

If you are not able to meet in the evenings, please join us at Homewood at 10:30 a.m. for the same study.

Please RSVP to Pastor Rob or Tara if you plan to attend (at either location), so that we can order enough books. Thanks!

Sunday School Classes for Children and Youth

Our Youth Class (for grades 6-12) meets at 9:45 on Sunday mornings during the school year. Susan Custer leads the class, and they meet on the 2nd floor on the "comfy couches" outside of the church office.

Younger children have their own "mini-Church" during the second part of our 11:00 worship service. We call it Children's Church, and we use a curriculum called Deep Blue Kids One-Room Sunday School, which incorporates Bible lessons, crafts, songs and other fun activities. Each Sunday, all elementary school kids (K-5) are invited to join us as we leave the Sanctuary after the children's sermon.

Nursery volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to serve as the "2nd Adult" in the Nursery on Sundays. Please speak to Jean Barrick or Pastor Rob if you would like to help. Thanks!

Daily Bible Readings for this Week

This month's readings close out the season known as common or ordinary time and usher in the new church year with Advent. There are a few themes to watch for as we go through the month. The readings often point us to the reign of Christ as the Eternal King enthroned in Heaven and seated at God's right hand. That's because the church year centers around the person of Christ. It begins with his promised coming and birth as a baby in Bethlehem and it reaches its summit at the end of time as Christ is crowned King of all Creation.

The daily Bible readings are clustered into weeks with Sunday being the center of each week. The lessons come from the Revised Common Lectionary. The readings for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week orient our prayer and preparation for the Sunday lessons. The readings for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday reflect on Sunday's lessons. In the worship of Grace Church we normally read only two lessons. However, many Sundays the Psalm for the day is also incorporated into the service as a Call to Worship or prayer.

31st Week in Ordinary Time

Nov 5 *31st Sunday in Ord. Time*
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Nov 6 Psalm 128
Joshua 4:1-24
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Nov 7 Psalm 128
Joshua 6:1-16, 20
Acts 13:1-12

Nov 8 Psalm 128
Joshua 10:12-14
Matthew 15:1-9

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Nov 9 Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 5:10-12
Revelation 8:6—9:12

Nov 10 Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 8:30-35
Revelation 9:13-21

Nov 11 Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 20:1-9
Matthew 24:1-14

Nov 12 *32nd Sunday in Ord. Time*
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Worship Assistants

November 12th:

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: Carol Garrison

Children's Message: Carol Garrison

Children's Church: Colleen Street

November 19th:

Greeter: OPEN

Scripture Reader: Rob Apgar

Children's Message: Trish Abell

Children's Church: Oi Kettavong

Fellowship Host: OPEN

If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host the fellowship time after worship, please sign up in the Good Shepherd Room.

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, Karlene Kaufmann, Pam Kehne, Betty Linton, Pat Lowry and Harold Wenner.

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 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

25 East 2nd Street

Frederick, Maryland, 21701

301-662-3312

admin@grucc.com

www.grucc.com



Rev. Dr. Rob Apgar-Taylor, Pastor
Jonas Dawson, Director of Music

pastorrob@grucc.com
music@grucc.com

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE CHURCH

Sunday, November 5 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Stewardship Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes for adults and youth

11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

Following worship - Ministries Fair (Good Shepherd Room)

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church worship service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 7

6:30 p.m. - ManKind Project (Basement)

7:00 p.m. - The Frederick Center young adult group (2nd Floor)

Wednesday, November 8

12:00 p.m. - Catoclin Ministerium (Good Shepherd Room)

6:30 p.m. - The Frederick Center youth group (Basement)

Thursday, November 9

6:00 p.m. - FREE Drop-in Zumba class (Good Shepherd Room)

7:00 p.m. - The Frederick Center board meeting (Room 3)

Friday, November 10

8:30 p.m. - N. A. meeting (Basement)

Saturday, November 11

9:00 a.m. - Catoclin Association Fall Meeting (Christ Reformed UCC, Middletown)

Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:45 a.m. - Christian Education classes for adults and youth

11:00 a.m. - Worship (Sanctuary)

Following worship - Annual Congregational Meeting (Good Shepherd Room)

5:00 p.m. - Redemption City Church worship service (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 14

6:30 p.m. - ManKind Project (Basement)

Wednesday, November 15

6:30 p.m. - The Frederick Center youth group (Basement)

7:15 p.m. - Church & Ministry Committee (Homewood)

