

# Grace United Church of Christ



**Sunday, October 27, 2024**

## WE GATHER

**Welcome**

**Passing the Peace**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Prelude** - In Christ There Is No East or West - arr. James Biery

**Choral Introit** - Worship the Lord - Lloyd Larson

**Call to Worship:**

*Leader: I invite you now to join me in the call to worship. You may do this seated or standing, whichever is most comfortable for you.*

Leader: God is alive in the children in our midst.

**All: We will love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the beloved faces lined with wisdom's folds.

**All: We will love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the persons with whom we often disagree.

**All: We will love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the family whose values run counter to our own.

**All: We will love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the unhoused ones who sleep under on our streets and in the dark corners of our city.

**All: We will love them.**

Leader: God is alive in the corporate executive who cannot fathom the value of "enough".

**All: We will love them.**

Leader: God is alive in those who believe that militancy fosters peace.

**All: We will love them.**

Leader: God is alive in all that breathes.

**All: May our love nurture the Spirit poised for flight. God is alive. Amen.**

Leader: God is alive in those who believe that militancy fosters peace.

**Gathering Prayer** (In Unison)

**God of All of Us, we ask you to hover close, for we are a divided world, and we are not sure how to regard one another in this moment. Bind us as your beloveds, and invite us to “do unto others” in ways that build up your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds, and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms. Amen!**

**\*Opening Hymn** “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” NCH 270

### **We Listen**

**Children’s Moment**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-26

**Sermon:** The Rev. Chance Martinez

**Sermon Title:** “Living Together on Uncommon Ground: Respect”

### **We Respond**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

*We invite you to pray this prayer using the words that are closest to your heart.*

**Sermon Hymn:** “In Christ There is No East or West” NCH-394

***Our (Father/Mother/Creator) 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.***

Stewardship Moment

Catherine Kern

Offering - A Mighty Fortress is Our God - arr. Donald Busarow  
Peter Abell, trumpet; Anna Kovacsics, solo

**The congregation is invited to sing with the choir on the 4th stanza:**

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God himself fights by our side; with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Tho' life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever.

**\*Doxology** (music #780, text #778)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

**Prayer of Dedication**

**ALL: We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts.  
Thank you for meeting our needs on the journey, providing what we need  
when we need it. Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and  
we do this joyfully, together, today, in Jesus` name, Amen.**

**We Are Sent**

**Announcements**

**\*Closing Hymn** "God of Change and Glory" NCH 177

**Benediction**

**Postlude** - Festivity - Douglas Wagner

# Important Announcements !

Get your tickets!!! If you have purchased New York trip ticket, please email Tricia for confirmation at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com).

On November 10, 2024, we are having refreshments after Pastor's installment service. A sign- up sheet is in the Narthex for finger foods. Please sign up by November 3rd.

## Turkey Time!

After a year hiatus, we are rekindling our traditional Thanksgiving dinner on Sunday November 17th after church. The church will provide the turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, and gravy. Please sign- up (sheet in Narthex) to bring side dish items. We will need volunteer help the day before to prepare things for this event. Please contact Steve Failor or Gwen Edwards if you would like to help.

Friday, November 15– Grace UCC Coffee House (8:00 pm-10:00pm)

Thursday, November 21- Grace UCC Young Adult Ministry (7pm-9 pm)

Wednesday, December 11- Grace Bus Trip to New York City

Friday, December 13- Grace UCC Coffee House (8pm-10pm)

Thursday, December 19- Young Adult Christmas Party (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Sunday, December 22- Christmas Cantata at Grace UCC

Tuesday December 24– Christmas Eve Service (7:00 pm)

Thursday, December 26-Tour of Historic Churches (3:00 pm—8:00 pm)



# Homeless for the Holidays



## Homeless for the Holidays Annual Hygiene Collection

November 1-December 31, 2024

If you could, stop for a moment and picture the holiday season. For most of us, the holidays are a celebratory time to gather amongst family and friends to spend time together under a warm roof and catch each other up on the excitement of the previous year. For hundreds of young people in Frederick County, this time of year is incredibly difficult. This Holiday season, we're seeking hygiene donations to provide for our students! All items collected from the hygiene drive will be distributed to students experiencing homelessness within Frederick County.

Top items requesting for hygiene donations:

- Ethnic Hair Care Products
- Deodorant
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Laundry Detergent
- Razors
- Hand Soap
- First Aid Items
- Dental Floss

- Mouthwash
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine Hygiene Product
- Shaving Cream
- Body Lotion
- Hair Brushes
- Hair Ties
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

*New and sealed items only, please do not donate used hygiene items.*

Thank you for supporting SHIP of Frederick County!

For additional information on how to donate,  
scan the QR Code:



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

### **Sleep In Heavenly Peace!**

SHP (<https://shpbeds.org/>) is a national organization of local chapters that build bunk beds for children in the local community who otherwise wouldn't have a bed. Grace Church has been very generous in donating sheets, pillows, mattress covers and quilts over the last couple years.

The Frederick County Chapter of SHP has building events every month or so, mostly on Saturdays, and volunteers of all skill levels (including none) are welcome for tasks like cutting lumber, constructing and finishing the beds, transporting them, or sorting items, cleaning up and prep work.

This is a great opportunity to contribute to a great organization.

Contact Michael Davies ([fluidmosaic@gmail.com](mailto:fluidmosaic@gmail.com)) to be notified of upcoming builds and be part of the team when you can!

“No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!”



## **Slate of Council Nominees**

With our upcoming Annual Meeting quickly approaching, we are pleased to share with you the following slate of nominees for our open Council positions. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and share their gifts of leadership with us. We will be electing new Council members as part of our annual meeting on November 3, 2024.

The following positions will be open, and terms will begin in January, 2025:

Nominee for Vice President: Amy Duray

Nominee for Outreach Commission Chair: Kat Strauss

Nominee for Member At Large: Catherine Kern

Nominees for Assistant Treasurer: Sam Swann and Carrie Minnick

Nominees for Congregational Life: Karen Kehoe and Gwen Edwards

**Worship and Education Commission Chair:** This Commission works with the pastor to plan worship services and provide feedback on such. This Commission also oversees the supervision of the work of Christian Education in partnership with the pastor. This Commission also facilitates lay leadership in worship (greeters, liturgists, etc.) If you would like more information, please see Amy Duray who is currently the Chair of this Commission.



# INSTALLATION OF REV. CHANCE MARTINEZ

as Pastor of Grace United Church of Christ

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024, AT 3:00 PM  
25 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Frederick, MD 21701

On Street Parking is Free on Sundays. We are also close to  
the Church Street Parking Garage.

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Clergy are asked to RSVP by emailing Chance at  
[pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorchance.graceucc@gmail.com)

Clergy wishing to join the processional are asked to wear  
your preferred clergy attire and a red stole. Please arrive by  
2:45 pm to robe and gather for the processional.

Reception to Follow the Service

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!



We will Celebrate the Feast of All Saints on November 3rd, 2024. Please submit list by, name, date passed, and relationship to you of those who have crossed over to heaven this year so that we can add them to our celebration on November 3rd. Please submit your list by October 26th, 2024. You may place your list in the box in the Narthex, or you may email the list to [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com). Thank you!

# Let's Welcome our New members



\*Pastor Chance

\*Kat Strauss

\*Jan Daffern

\*Michael Bunitsky

\*Enrique Martinez



*New York City*

**HOLIDAY  
BUS TRIP**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

Explore the Big Apple on your own!  
Bus departs Frederick at 6 a.m. and returns at midnight

**\$80 per person, limited seating**

Pay with QR code below or mail check  
Contact [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com) to register

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP — 11:00 AM — Virtual and in person**

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

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Liturgist:

Mike D.

Children's Message:

Pastor Chance

Children's Church

Catherine

Altar Guild:

Greeter:

Mike D.

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