

Grace United Church of Christ



Sunday, November 3, 2024

WE GATHER

Welcome

Passing the Peace

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Aria on "For all the Saints" - arr. David Cherwien

***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: We hear the voice of God calling,

All: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Leader: We feel the Spirit moving among us,

All: moving us to acts of compassion and justice.

Leader: We know the love of Jesus.

All: We love because Christ first loved us.

Leader: Come, worship God together.

All: Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name. Amen!

***Gathering Prayer** (In Unison)

Loving and Hope-filled God, we ask you to stay close in our lives as we move into an unknown future. Wrap us in your love, and invite us to go and do likewise—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** "Rising in Darkness" NCH 90

Children's Moment

Offering - Shall We Gather at the River - arr. Robert McIver
Carrie Minnick - solo

***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: God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV-ue)

Sermon: The Rev. Chance Martinez

Sermon Title: "Malice Toward None: Love"

***Sermon Hymn:** **For All the Saints** **NCH-299**

Pastoral Prayer/Litany for All Saints Day

You are invited to join me in a litany for All Saints written by Fran Pratt:

Leader: God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;

All: We lament their passing,

Leader: And honor their legacy.

All: We give thanks for all we have learned from them.

Leader: Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,

All: We follow their example.

All: We learn from their experience.

Leader: Those who made progress for peace,

All: We continue their work.

Leader: Those who lived simply and quietly,

All: We are enlightened by them.

Leader: Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

All: We are humbled by them.

Leader: Those who were martyred for their faith,

All: We commend them to your care.

Leader: They have finished their work on earth,

All: And it lives on,

Leader: Reverberating into our lives now

All: As the work of Christ lives on.

Leader: May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us

All: To good works, humility, simplicity and peacemaking,

Leader: As those foremothers and forefathers were inspired by him

All: To live in grace and love.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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

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.

Brief Order of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

For those who are worshiping online, we encourage you to gather pieces of bread and something to drink (whatever you have such as juice, lemonade, etc) before worship and place it near you as service begins.

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Music during Communion - Sarabande on "Land of Rest" - Gerald Near

Announcements

***Closing Hymn** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" NCH 295

Benediction

Postlude - Prelude and Fugue in A minor - Johann K. F. Fischer

~ The Postlude is still part of our worship; we invite you to sit and quietly reflect as we prepare to depart. ~

Important Announcements !

Get your tickets!!! If you have purchased New York trip ticket, please email Tricia for confirmation at 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 (7:00 pm-8:00pm)

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

Friday, December 13- Grace UCC Coffee House (7:00pm-8:00pm)

Thursday, December 17– Blue Christmas Service at Grace (7:00 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:



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

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

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

Clergy are asked to RSVP by emailing Chance at
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. Thank you!

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) to be notified of upcoming builds and be part of the team when you can!

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





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 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.

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