

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
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Worship Service is at 10:00am
Sunday School is at 9:00am

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
December 16, 2018



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"LOOK TO THE ANGELS"

Sunday	<i>Ministering Spirits</i>	Hebrews 1: 5-14
Monday	<i>Gabriel Appears</i>	Luke 1: 5-17
Tuesday	<i>The Annunciation to Mary</i>	Luke 1: 26-33
Wednesday	<i>Joseph's Angelic Dream</i>	Matthew 1: 18-25
Thursday	<i>The Dawning Light</i>	Luke 1: 67-79
Friday	<i>The Glory of the Lord</i>	Luke 2: 8-12
Saturday	<i>Heavenly Hosts</i>	Luke 2: 13-14

ORDER OF WORSHIP
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church of
Lower Burrell. May you experience the peace, joy and love of Christ as
you worship with us this day.

PRELUDE *Magnificat* **Guilmanat**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 12: 2

Leader: Surely God is my salvation;

People: I will trust and not be afraid.

Leader: The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song;

People: The Lord has become my salvation.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Love Has Come

#256

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(in unison)

O God, our strength and salvation, we come before you, confessing our
sins. Too often we fear you more than love you. Too often we live for
ourselves, believing that we are casting our own destinies, following our
own dreams. Too often we ignore your call to follow after your Son,
allowing you to rule in our lives. Too often we sin and fall far short of
your glory. Forgive us, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have received the good news of the gospel. Forgiveness is
found in Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF PEACE -**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

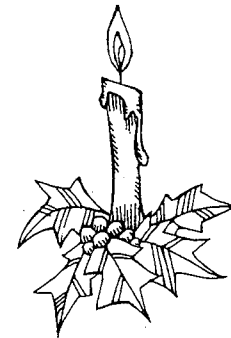
PEOPLE: And also with you.

*Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and
introduce yourself to those you do not know.*

We at Grace Church, wish you a blessed
holiday season. May you come again to
Jesus Christ
in faith and wonder and may this season be
significant in your
spiritual growth and development.

MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

All are welcome to join us for the following services:
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:00pm)
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
With Communion (11:00pm)



LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 23 The Choir will be presenting their cantata during Worship
There will be a **Grief Service** at 3:00pm that afternoon
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7:00pm)
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion
(11:00pm)

***HYMN** *Glory Be to the Father* #813
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN**

ANTHEM *Nothing Is Impossible* Aubrie Newcomb
Wendy Aurednik

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING The Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON Terri Wilson
Bible Story time with Miss Terri – Pre-school thru 1st grade

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 1: 39-45 (pg. 888) Arch Carroll

SERMON *The "Great I Am"* Rev. Ken Foust

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles Creed
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic
Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen**

***HYMN** *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming* #255

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Christmas Sanctus* Dengler

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*HYMN *Sing We Now of Christmas* #275

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel

*POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* Cherwien

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Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after the Worship Service in Cana Hall. Your host this morning is Jen Beck. Greeting you this morning is Doug and Meredith Wright. The Deacons greeting you are Dale Wolfe and Barb Foust. CD delivery is by Barb Foust.

The **Prayer Chain** is being updated, please let Marge Bistline know if you still want to be a part of it, or if you want your name taken off. You can also call the office at (724)339-9661 and let Reitha know. Thank you.

TODAY'S MUSIC: Two of our musical offerings today are based on Luke 1. Luke relates how Mary, after Gabriel's announcement to her about her role in the birth of the Messiah, travels to visit her relative Elizabeth. Elizabeth greeted Mary with a blessing, and Mary responded with her song of praise (what we know as the "**Magnificat**"). Today's prelude is a set of short musical settings of Mary's song of praise, as interpreted by French organist/composer Alexandre Guilmant. "**Nothing Is Impossible,**" written by John Ray and Susan Callaway, is a musical conversation between Mary (sung by Aubrie Newcomb) and Elizabeth (sung by Wendy Aurednik).

David Cherwien, conductor, composer, and organist, has given us an energetic and quite original arrangement of Isaac Watts' hymn, "**Joy to the World.**" Watts wrote this not as a Christmas hymn but for inclusion in his *Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*. "Joy to the World!" is a paraphrase of the last half of Psalm 98:

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise...Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for He cometh to judge the earth, with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Psalm 98 is a song of rejoicing that anticipates the time when Jehovah will be the God of the whole earth. Watts, however, gave this verse a fresh interpretation – a New Testament expression of praise for "The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom" (Watt's original title).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today Youth Fellowship (6:00-8:00pm)
Dec. 18 Bible Study (10:00am)
Dec. 19 Meals4Kids at Puckety Church (9:30am)
 Choir (7:00pm)
 Bible Study (7:00pm)