

Grace Community Presbyterian Church
December 26, 2021



Culture Transformed by Christmas
Romans 12:1-2

Thought for Meditation:

I will light candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long.

Howard Thurman

Prelude	What Child Is This?	Johnson
Welcome and Announcements		Doug Marshall
Carol Sing	Celebration Hymnal: #240-287	
* Prayer of Praise and Adoration		
* Passing of the Peace		
L: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.		
P: And also with you.		
<i>Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.</i>		
* Gloria		#278
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.		
Special Music	There Room at the Manger for Me?	Aubrie Newcomb Soloist
Scripture	Romans 12:1-2 (page 986)	
Sermon	Culture Transformed by Christ	
* Hymn of Response	Ring The Bells	Insert

***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

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Call for Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo

A Cradle Carol

Wendy Aurednik
Soloist

*** Doxology**

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Praise God from Whom All blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Dedication**

*** Hymn of Dedication**

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Verse 1-4

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*** Charge and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

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All glory be to God on high

And to the Earth be peace

God will henceforth from Heaven to men

Begin and never cease

Begin and never cease!

*** Postlude**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Harmon

***PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE**

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church this morning.

C.S. Lewis: Adult Sunday School class

When: Sundays @ 9:00 AM 1/9, 16, 23, 30

Location: Library

He was one of the most published authors of the 20th century and a professor of medieval literature at Oxford and Cambridge. He was a man who loved drinking beer at the local pub and smoking his pipe, yet was (and still is) an icon of the Evangelical church. He was raised a Presbyterian, became an atheist, and then accepted Christ as an adult. Learn more of his story and how his writing encourages and challenges us to grow in our faith.

Mask Update: The session discussed the increasing number of COVID cases in western PA. There will be no drastic actions at this time (i.e. not cancelling worship), however we do want to encourage people to be careful and take precautions when needed. The one “change” we are making (which is noted on signs at the entrance doors) has to do with masks. The signs used to ask people to wear masks if they are not vaccinated. The signs now say: **If you are not vaccinated, or you have cold / flu symptoms, PLEASE WEAR A MASK. This will help keep others safe.**

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to give the Pastor a call or come by the office.

Calendar Events



Dec. 31

This Week

New Year's Eve

Happy New Year!

Looking Ahead

Jan. 4	Bible Study	1:00pm
Jan. 5	Boy Scouts Den Mtg.	6:00pm
	Choir	7:00pm
Jan. 6	Ladies Club	6:30pm
	Boy Scouts Den Mtg.	7:00pm

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Worship Service is at 10:00am

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