

# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church

December 9, 2018

(\*Please stand as you are able)

Prelude & Lighting of Altar Candles

Song "One Thousand Reasons"

Lighting of Advent Candles

"Star-Child"

#2095 TFWS vs. 2

Song "Ancient Words"

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us serve the Lord with gladness,

**People: and come before his presence with a song.**

Leader: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

**People: let us exult his name together.**

\*Hymn "That Boy - Child of Mary"

#241, vs. 1-6

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55 CEB

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Sermon "Mom & Dad: Mary Sings"

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession & Assurance

**ALL: Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin. Free us from our captivity. Free us to a life lived in Joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering "Breath of Heaven"

Melanie Mork

\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**ALL: God of Wisdom and Grace, the advertisements bombard us with messages telling us what gift to buy to make our Christmas perfect. Yet you, Lord of Love, have given that gift already - a Savior, a Messiah, Jesus born in Bethlehem. We bring our tithes and offerings to you for the building of your kingdom here on earth, that your children might always find room - room in our hearts and in our homes. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.**

Communion

Lord's Prayer

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: God Almighty, you fill the hungry with good things and send the self-satisfied away empty. In this holy meal you have filled us with the word and the bread of life of your Son Jesus Christ. Make us hunger now for his coming in the hearts and the homes of all. Fill us with his spirit of service and love, that through us, he may become near to people. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

*Hymn	“The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”	#2098 TFWS, vs. 1-4
Benediction		
Closing Song	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	#431

**Information to Share**

Prayer Concerns:

Mary Aughe	Dorothy Bengston	Coral Delaney	Janice Fisher
Bobby Marcum	Carol Martin	Verlyn Pollock	Val Zeman
June Hale, sister-in-law of Lila Hughes, passed away November 30			
Traveling Mercies for Sherrie Thresher, December 23 - January 5			

Today's Pianist: Sarah Sutton

Classes

- Adult Sunday School 9:00 am in Upper Room
- Youth Group 9:00 am in Youth Room
- Open Connections 9:00 am in Grace Hall

Announcements

- Today - AMEND Eat N Heat after worship in Grace Hall
- Wednesday - Handbells 5:15 pm in Sanctuary
- Friday - Christ's Coffee Shop 6:00 pm Grace Hall

**Thank you for joining us today!**

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