

Events for the week of December 21st, - December 28th 2014

**Sunday, December 21, 2014—4th Sunday in Advent**

9:00 AM Sunday School

9:15 AM HCI Prayer Team

10:00 AM Worship w/ Children's Program

**Monday, December 22, 2014**

1:00 PM NO Quilting

**Tuesday, December 23, 2014**

**Wednesday, December 24, 2014**

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

**Thursday, December 25, 2014**

Office Closed

**Friday, December 26, 2014**

**Saturday, December 27, 2014**

**Sunday, December 28, 2014—1st Sunday After Christmas**

9:00 AM No Sunday School

9:15 AM No HCI Prayer Team

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM No Children's Sunday School

**THE NURSERY IS OPEN, BUT NOT STAFFED.**

**NORTH STAR** District Prayer List for this week includes:

Pengilly UMC—Dawn Houser

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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Organist: Mark Forkner**

**Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl**

**Scripture Reader: Judith Eide**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Violinist: Kay Forkner**

**Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Ushers: Jerry Eide  
and Jon Denny**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 21, 2014

4th Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

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Nurturing Hope—Building Christ-like Community

*You are never a stranger here. You are a child of God.  
We gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome.*

### WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

**Three Chimes** calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship  
**Gathering & Announcements**

\*Indicates those able may stand

### PRELUDE:

### LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE:

Holly Eckman

### CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH: #208 (Blue Hymnal)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set the  
chosen people free.

**The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Savior from the house  
of David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old to save us from  
our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us;

**to show mercy to our forebears and to remember the holy  
covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham;

**To set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship  
without fear, holy and righteous in the Lord's sight, all the  
days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for  
you will go before the Lord to prepare the way.

**to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness  
of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall  
break upon us,

**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of  
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)**

**\*HYMN: #224 (Blue Hymnal)**

**“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”**

### A CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

**A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** written by  
Grace UMC Sunday School children

### SCENE I

**SPECIAL KIDS SONG: “Jesus Love Me This I Know!”**

### SCENE II

**HYMN: #219 (Blue Hymnal) “What child Is This?”**

### SCENE III

**HYMN: #239 (Blue Hymnal) “Silent Night, Holy Night”**

### SCENE IV

**SPECIAL KIDS SONG: “We Wish you a Merry Christmas!”**

**JOYS, CONCERNS, AND SHARED PRAYERS: -**

*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it  
about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

**OFFERING:**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSINGS:**

**HYMN: #234 “O Come All Ye Faithful” vs. 1,3 & 6**

**POSTLUDE:**

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*All prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the  
book on the desk in the narthex.*

**MEMBERS:** Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the  
pew and then back to the start. The last person should put the  
sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail addresses will be pro-  
tected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address. If  
you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not neces-  
sary to write it in again.

**VISITORS:** Please fill out a yellow card found in the  
pew and place it in the offering place.