

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 protected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address. If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not necessary to write it in again.

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

NORTH STAR DISTRICT: Prayer List for this week includes:
Akeley—Loren Ferch



FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$19,860.00 or \$106.25 each member based on a membership of 187. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$4,672.14 given to date.

PRAYER FOCUS

Each Advent the story of John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus reminds us there is much in this world and in our hearts that needs to be repaired and transformed. Pray for openness to the hopes and dreams God has for you and for the world we live in. Pray for an openness to inner change; that Jesus may bring peace and light into our souls

PRAYER CHAIN



To start a prayer chain for any prayer concerns, please call Paula Horner, 218-790-2141.

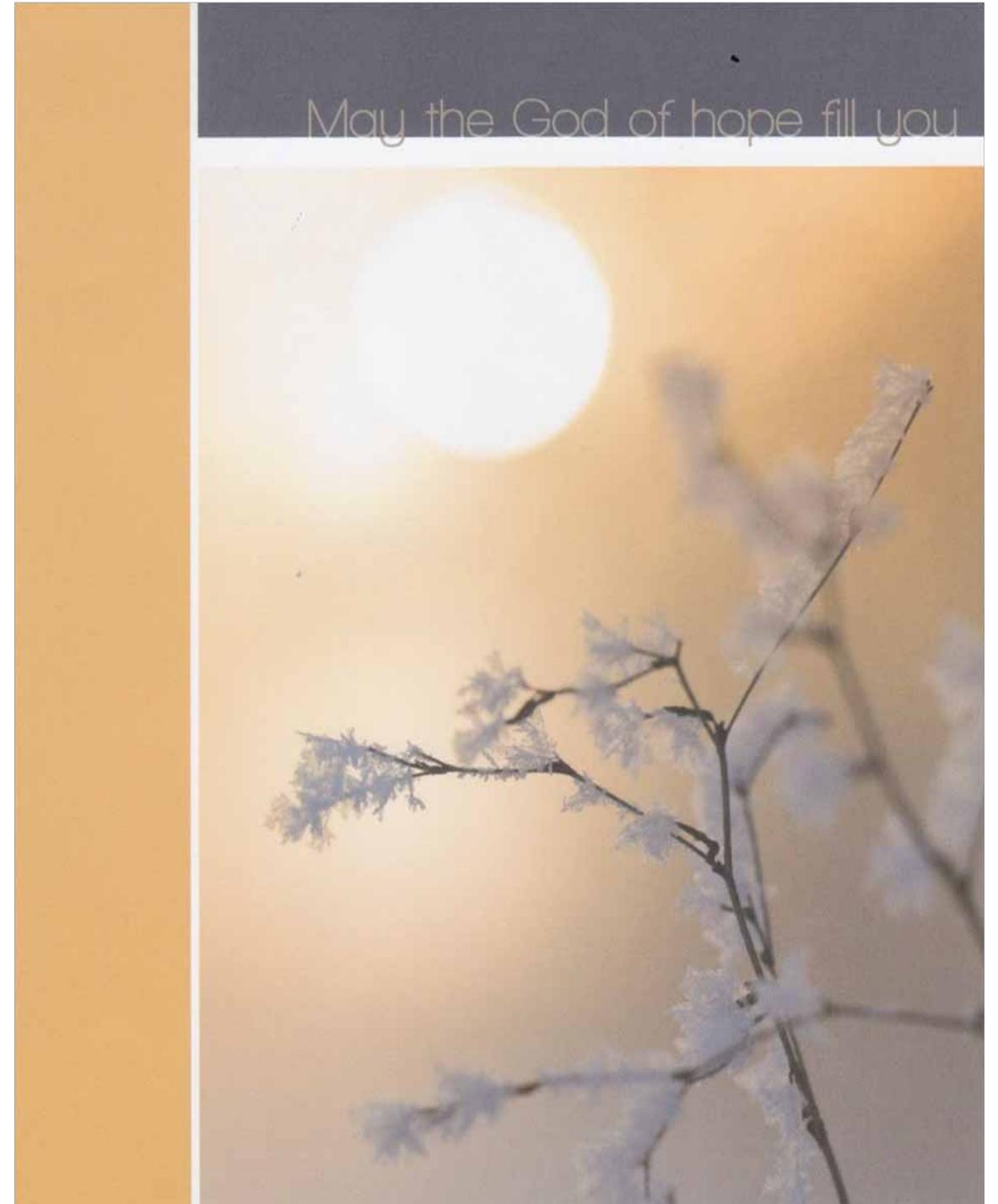
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 4, 2016

2nd Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

The Church of the Neighborhood
Making followers of Christ to Transform the World.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

CALL TO WORSHIP: Choir Anthem arr. Lloyd Larson
A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

***LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: Esther Vollbrecht**
(Quotes take from Luke 1:68, 78-79)

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who has come to set us free.

The Lord has raised up for us a mighty Savior."

Blessed be the Lord, the God of all creation, who sent us messengers.

Today we remember one of those messengers: John the Baptist.

"And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.

You will go before the Lord to prepare the way.

You will give God's people knowledge of salvation by forgiveness of sins.

In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn of heaven shall break in upon us.

God's light shall shine on those who dwell in darkness.

Those who dwell in the shadow of death shall be guided into the ways of peace."

Loving God, we come to you in hopes of forgiveness and peace.

Guide us in your ways and into your light. Amen.

***HYMN: #211 (Blue Hymnal) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vv. 1,6,&7)**

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10 (CEB)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:

HYMN: #209 (Blue Hymnal) "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12 (CEB)

MESSAGE: "All Will be Made Right"

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER: #895 (Blue Hymnal)

TO SHARE AT CHRIST'S TABLE

CHOIR: "Christmas Communion Song" arr. Susan Callaway

THE INVITATION:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live a new life loving God and neighbor.

You do NOT need to be a member of this church or a United Methodist to come to Christ's table. There were no United Methodist's at the first communion—or church members. There were human followers of Jesus offering as much of themselves as they could to as much of Jesus as they understood.

Lord, we come to you just as we are asking you to redeem us, grow us and transform us. Amen.

THE REMEMBRANCE:

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP:

Please come forward to receive communion as the Spirit leads. You may receive at the rail (kneeling or standing as you are able). Or, you may receive from the servers to the right and left. If you need gluten-free come to the rail. Please place **OFFERINGS** in the plates in the front pews on your way to Communion.

BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #620 (Blue Hymnal) "One Bread, One Body"**

***BLESSING: #201 (Blue Hymnal) "Advent"**

POSTLUDE:

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Organist: Sharon Fangsrud

Choir Director: Tyler Eliason

Reader: Esther Vollbrecht

Ushers: Bill Krogen and Steve Grow