

Events for the week of December 8—December 15, 2013

**Sunday, December 8 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship w/ Communion
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Charge Conference

**Monday, December 9**

- 1:00 PM Quilting
- 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, December 10**

**Wednesday, December 11**

- 12:00 Noon Office Closes
- 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir
- 6:30 PM AWANA
- 7:15 PM Choir

**Thursday, Decmeber 12**

- 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

**Friday, December 13**

- 12:00 Noon New Life Center Meeting

**Saturday, December 14**

- 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent**

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship - Choir Christmas Cantata
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**



**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**  
**Organist: Mark Forkner**  
**Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl**  
**Scripture Reader: Angie Horn**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**  
**Violinist: Kay Forkner**  
**Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud**  
**Ushers: Ray Burkhardt  
and Tom Newgard**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 8, 2013

2nd Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

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**Three Chimes signals the beginning of Worship**  
*Learning to Live and Love like Jesus*

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

### **GATHERING POINT & PRELUDE:**

As the choir and pastor are seated during these last moments before worship you are invited to pray:

For a person on the prayer list;

For the morning worship leaders and visitors

For a person the Spirit moves you to pray for

For your heart to be ready for the gospel of hope. Welcome.

(If you wish to have someone pray with you, following worship one of Grace's prayer/care team will be in the library ready to listen and pray).

### **Announcements and Time of Christian Greeting**

\*Indicates those able may stand

### **WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

### **LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE:**

“Thunder in the desert!

**Prepare for the Lord's arrival!**

Make the road smooth and straight!” (Matt. 3:3 – The Message)

**Let two candles burn as signs that we have heard.**

Let two candles burn as signs that we are praying:

**“Jesus, step into the wounded and weary areas of life with your healing power and your undying strength.”**

“Jesus, we seek to work with you so God's ways may reign on earth as they do in heaven.”

**Amen.**

\*HYMN: #213 (Blue Hymnal)

**“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM: #795 (Blue Hymnal) Psalm 72:1-8**

### **TO HEAR GOD'S WORD & RESPOND**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10 (NRSV)**

**HYMN: #203 (Blue Hymnal) “Hail to the Lord's Anointed”**

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENTS:**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSV)**

**CHOIR: “Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?”**

**MESSAGE: “Pave the Way”**

**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 LORDS PRAYER:- #895 (Blue Hymnal)**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “Blessings”**

### **TO SHARE AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

**INVITATION: #12 (Blue Hymnal)**

**CONFESSION AND PARDON: #12 (Blue Hymnal)**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: # 13 (Blue Hymnal)**

**THE REMEMBRANCE AND SHARING:**

**#14 (Blue Hymnal)**

**OFFERING:** Please place your gifts in the offering plates in the front pew on the way to receive communion. Thank you. (You may receive communion at the rail or from the servers on the right or left of the chancel area).

\***DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) “Praise God”**

\***HYMN: #577 (Blue Hymnal)**

**“God of Grace and God of Glory:”**

### **TO BE SENT FORTH**

**A BLESSING:**

May the Lord make our hearts ready for the hope and healing God wishes to bring into the world.

**Amen.**

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**WELCOME,** brothers and sisters in Christ, as we gather for praise and prayer, Word and worship.