

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 place.

North Star District Prayer List for this week includes: Gilbert—Robert Graham

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 \$19,507 or \$104.31 each member based on a membership of 187. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$11,150.93 given to date.

PRAYER CHAIN



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

Rejoice, brothers and sisters, as we serve God in the New Year. May our hearts overflow with love for God and for one another. Reach out in Christian love to welcome one another. We are pleased by your presence!

We can major in our fears...or major in our dreams.—Dr. Bruce Porter

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In Christ

we have also

obtained

an inheritance

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 3, 2016

Epiphany Sunday

10:00 AM

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

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

GATHERING PRELUDE:

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship
Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRAYER PRELUDE:

***CALL TO A NEW YEAR:** {Beth Ann Gade – Alive Now 2015}

Divine Mystery, the people who have walked in Darkness have seen a great light.

O come to us. Abide with us.

Loving Mystery, you have offered to lift every sorrow and fear that weighs us down.

O come to us. Abide with us.

Living Mystery, you have trampled the powers of death and offered a new way of living.

O come to us; abide with us.

Faithful Mystery, you have sent your son into your world as peace for our lives.

O come to us; abide with us.

Gentle Mystery, you place in our hearts a prayer, “let your peace fill the earth.”

O come to us; abide with us.

Eternal Mystery, your glory is beyond our imagining. Let it guide us in our new year.

O come to us; abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel. Amen.

HYMN: - #228 (Blue Hymnal) “He Is Born”

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD & RESPOND

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6 (CEB)

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:

HYMN: # 249 (Blue Hymnal) “There’s a Song in the Air”

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

MESSAGE: “Has the Baby Changed Our Lives?”

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

THE INVITATION:

THE REMEMBRANCE:

THE PRAYER:

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East you revealed to all peoples the sign of God-with-us—Emmanuel. By the life, death and resurrection of Jesus you gave birth to a new way of living. You taught us the power of forgiveness for the past and hope for the future. Bless this gift of bread and the fruit of the vine. Make it be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world, the body of Christ given in service and the blood of Christ poured out in love for your world. Let the brightness of that star two thousand years ago shine through our lives as Christ’s followers—until the day comes that we feast at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP:

Please come forward as God’s Spirit leads you. You may receive at the rail kneeling or standing. Gluten-Free bread is also at the rail. Or, you may receive from the servers to the right or the left.

Offerings may be left in the plates in the front pews on your way to communion.

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: #251 (Blue Hymnal) “Go Tell It on the Mountain:**

***BLESSING:**

POSTLUDE:

Touch us, Lord, that we may all be completely engaged in the service of worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Mark Forkner

Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud

Reader: Julie Possehl

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Violinist: Kay Forkner

Choir Director: Kyle Schwartz

Ushers: Paul Anderson and Stan Struble