

## 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 \$21,757 or \$143.15 a year or \$12.00 a month, for each member based on a membership of 152. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$ 2,663.38 given to date.

## NEW DIRECTORY



The new address and phone directory for 2021 will be printed in January. If you have moved, or changed phone numbers, please let the office know so your correct information will be available.

## CONTRIBUTIONS



All contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2020 to be counted as a 2020 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2021 contribution. If you are making a contribution for 2020 and 2021, please write a check for each year.

## MOM'S MISUNDERSTOOD WORD

A mother told her young daughter that they had to hurry to church to worship God. But the way she spoke the word "worship" confused the child. It sounded more like "waaship" rather than "wereship."

As the little girl approached the door to leave, the mother noticed the girl held a bar of soap and a washcloth.

"What's that for?" asked the mother.

"I want to 'wash up' Jesus in the manger," replied the girl.

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The Lord God will cause  
*righteousness*  
and *praise* to spring up



**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The Church of the Neighborhood  
Making Followers of Christ to Transform the World

**December 13, 2020**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**WE GATHER TO NAME AND CLAIM GOD'S PURPOSES IN OUR LIVES**

**GATHERING & PRELUDE:** Sharon Fangsrud and Trisha McElroy

**\*WELCOME** Pastor Roger

**I THESSALONIANS 5:16-24 (with lighting the third Advent Candle)**

**SONG: #384** *Love divine, All Loves Excelling*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Isaiah 61:1-4

**SONG: #375** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

**GOSPEL:** John 1:20-26

**SONG: #2017** *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

**MESSAGE:** "Be Swaddled in Comfort & Healing" Pastor Roger

**SONG: #204** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His Name Is Called Emmanuel*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING:** Pastor Roger

**MUSICAL SENDING FORTH:**

**POSTLUDE:**

**Our goal on this third Sunday of Advent is to have fellowship with our living Lord and with one another. Let our hands be extended to our fellow worshippers.**

**ADVENT ANTICIPATION**

In early church history, Advent began as a time of repentance. It served as preparation for Epiphany, which was the second most popular day for baptisms (after Pentecost). Common traditions during the Advent season, including wreaths and candles, add to the anticipation of Jesus' birth. Another tradition is to leave the manger empty when you set up your nativity scene. Then, during Christmas morning celebrations, you can place the newborn baby Jesus in his "bed."

**FINDING GOD'S GLORY**

One of America's most gifted preachers in the last century was Theodore Parker Ferris, pastor of Boston's Trinity Church (Episcopal). In his book *The Image of God*, Ferris asked, "where can you expect to see the glory of the Lord today?" He answered the query with the following words:

"In the heavens above? Yes, of course. 'The heavens declare the glory of God.' In the courts of Justice? Yes, of course. In the wonders of science as they unfold the mysteries of God's universe? Of course, yes. In the move toward peace? Yes! But most of all in that one Life, that one incredible Life, in whom the glory was once and for all revealed to all who have eyes to see it, and in every other life that reflects that glory."

**PRAYER FOCUS**

For all in need of healing - - physical, emotional, spiritual. Please hold in prayer the person or persons God places upon your hearts that you know are seeking healing.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers:** All the People  
**Keyboardist:** Sharon Fangsrud  
**Reader:**  
**Pastor:** Roger Grafenstein  
**Choir Director:** Gunnar Aas  
**Ushers:**