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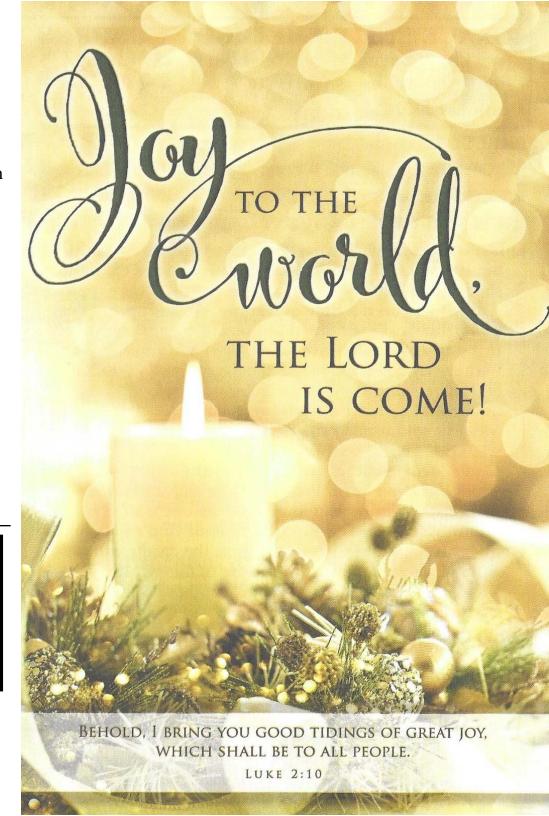
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve

PRELUDE:

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2-7 (pg. 486, O.T.)

WELCOME AND GREETINGS:

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

- L: Each week during Advent we lit another candle on our wreath, and each week the candles glowed and the light shone more brightly.
- C: Advent has been a time of waiting, dreaming, healing, and promise. Our time of preparation has culminated this day as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- L: We have read Bible verses that have spoken to us of God's faithfulness and of the hope and dreams of God's people through the ages. The people waited and dreamed for a Messiah who would bring healing and peace. God's promise was kept. The Savior has come.
- C: God's love has been shown in a most wonderful way: a child has been born. We know him as Emmanuel -- God with us; we know him as Jesus the one who saves; we know him as the fullest expression of God's love for us.
- L: Today we light the Candle of Christ, the candle which reminds us of Jesus. It is the center of this wreath, just as Jesus is the center of our lives. The light of Christ shines for all to see.

SONG: #246 (Blue Hymnal) Joy To The World

PRAYERS:

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People Pastor: Taylor Johnson

Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud Reader:

CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS:

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear—# 218. vs. 1 Hark the Herald Angels Sing—#240, vs. 1 Angels We Have Heard on High—#238, vs 1 and Refrain The First Noel—# 245, vs. 1 and Refrain

OFFERING:

SONG: #219 (Blue Hymnal) vs. 1 & 2 What Child Is This

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

SONG: #219 (Blue Hymnal) vs. 3 What Child Is This

SPECIAL MUSIC: Grace UMC Choir

How Great Our Joy

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20 (pg. 44, N.T.)

MESSAGE: "Joy To The World" Pastor Taylor Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES:

SONG: #239 (Blue Hymnal) Silent Night, Holy Night

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

WORDS OF WELCOME

"Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us" (Luke 2:15, NKJV). O come, let us adore him—Christ the Lord!

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

On this holy night, Lord Jesus, your light illumines our darkness. We bow before your manger in awe and love.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to announce a new Bible Study starting on Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30pm! John Roberts will be leading the group, and it's all about getting back to the basics. If you've never tried a Bible Study, this is going to be perfect for you! Enjoy fellowship, rich conversations, and growing in your faith each and every week.