



Order of Worship: December 8th

Prelude (Anna Wetrosky)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Advent Candle Lighting and Readings

Advent Song--*"Light the Advent Candle"*

Unison Prayer

Scripture Readings:

Malachi 3:1-4

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 1:68-79

Unison Prayer

Song: *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

Message: "Waiting"

Special Music: *"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

Marsha Mower

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

Blessing

Postlude (Anna Wetrosky)

This Week at Grace:

Tuesday:

Bible study 9am

Handbells 430pm

Friday: Shop Day Set-Up
330pm

Saturday:

Kid's Shop Day 10am-1pm

If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, you need to call ahead or email the office to reserve space and to get your meeting on the church calendar. To adjust for heating/cooling needs, Pastor Jen needs to know if/when you are meeting.

Office Phone:

218-568-5755

Grace Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9 a.m. to noon

Worship

Online--available at

www.graceumcpequotlakes.org

In-Person Worship

Sunday--9am

Unison Prayer

Dear God, we admit that advent can be a challenging time. We are not accustomed to waiting. We live in a world of instant gratification. Yet you call us to wait, to anticipate, and to prepare for the birth of your son on Christmas Day. Now we are counting the days until Christmas Day. This countdown generates a variety of emotional responses: excitement, joy, relief, and maybe even panic. Provide us with a sense of calm. May the rhythm of worship and this time spent together calm us so that we are prepared to receive anew the birth of Jesus the Christ Child. Amen.



Call to Worship

L: Blow the horn in Zion;

P: give a shout on thy holy mountain!

L: Let all the people of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.

P: It is near, Come, let us worship God.

Siblings, as we joyfully await the glorious coming of the Christ, let us silently pray for the needs of the church, our community, and the world through our confessions and thanksgivings.

-----Silent Prayer is kept

God of joy and exultation, you strengthen what is weak; you enrich the poor and give hope to those who live in fear. Look upon our needs this day. Make us grateful for the good news of salvation and keep us faithful in your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever. Amen.



Scriptures for next week:

Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18



*"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for He has visited and redeemed His people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of His servant David,
as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember His holy covenant,
the oath that He swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve Him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to His people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light
to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

Luke 1:68-79 (ESV)



Mission Giving for December

Our Mission Focus for December will be shared between our support of the Soup Kitchen and the Relationship Safety Alliance (Women's shelter).

If you are giving towards these gifts, please use one of the envelopes provided at the back of the sanctuary or make a note on your check with "December Missions".



Mark your calendars!

Children's Shop Day will be held on **December 14th**. Volunteers and gifts for all ages needed! Gifts may be new or very gently used, and you can start bringing them in and place them in the classroom labeled "Shop Day". Gift bags and tissue paper are also needed. Please see the sign-up sheet for opportunities to help with this yearly mission project.



****Kid's Shop Day****



*I thank my
every time I
remember you.*
Philippians 1 vs. 3

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9am until noon. Ring the doorbell and we will come to open the south door!

--Church office phone: 218-568-5755

-- Church office (for all general inquiries and administrative/clerical duties)

graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com

-- Pastor Jen Matthees – **jenmatt20@gmail.com**

-- Ann Hutchings-Congregational Care Assistant-**graceumccare@gmail.com**



Communication Reminder.....

The church office email (**graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com**) should be used to inform the office about ALL events, meetings, or use of the building you would like to schedule so they can be added to the master calendar. This enables us to avoid scheduling conflicts and make sure the areas of the building are cooled/heated as needed. The official church calendar is maintained by volunteers.

Additionally, did you know the church calendar is available on our website (**graceumcpequotlakes.org**)? There is a tab near the top, right side you can click to see the calendar!

Our Congregational Care Assistant, Ann Hutchings, is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00-noon. Her role is to follow-up with our church family, through telephone calls, notes and email, as well as greet and welcome those who visit our church and assist with any needs. Ann's email (**graceumccare@gmail.com**) should be used for "congregational care" needs only.

If you have something that should be added to this newsletter from your group or mission, please speak with Pastor Jen or email the details to her at **jenmatt20@gmail.com**. The E-Grace is generally completed by noon on Thursdays, so articles need to be received by Thursday 10am at the very latest.

If you wish to connect with me directly and it is not an emergency, please know that I will respond as needed during pretty regular office hours. I am generally in the church on Tuesday (830-1130) and Wednesday (10-3) call the office to be sure, as my weeks and Mondays vary. You may find me here at other times too! I check my emails frequently throughout the day, and this is the best way to contact me. **Friday is my day off** as needs allow.

-Pastor Jen



Important note

If you are mailing something to the church, ***you must use our P.O. Box for the address.*** We do not receive mail at the church, and if you use the physical church address it will get returned and could delay your notices to us or offerings.

**P.O. Box 276
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472**

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On our website you can find links to past services, a spot to watch this week's service, an online link to giving, and much more!

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