

# Second Sunday After Christmas



January 3, 2021

# Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.

We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

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*At the young age of twelve, Jesus was engrossed in conversation with teachers in the Temple. Solomon asked for discernment, Paul reminded the church that together we possess all the spiritual blessings under heaven, but in Jesus we see the fullness of wisdom. He was right where his parents should have expected him to be.*

### Cover Image:

Icon of the Holy Family

In Greek script: Joseph, J[esu]s Ch[risto]s, M[a]r[y] Th[eotoko]s (=God-bearer/  
Mother of God)

### PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" - arr. Mark Lochstampfor

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" - arr. Barbara Harbach

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful Father,

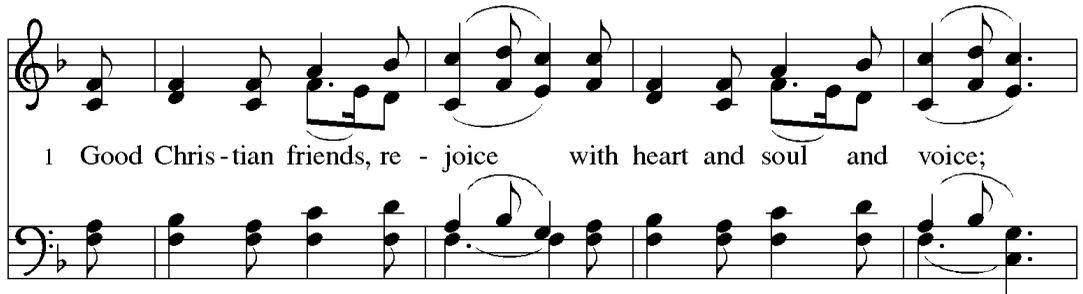
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

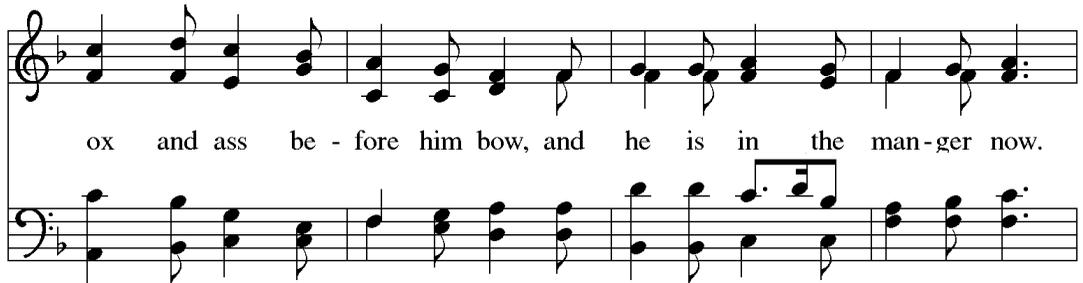
**"Good Christian friends, rejoice"**



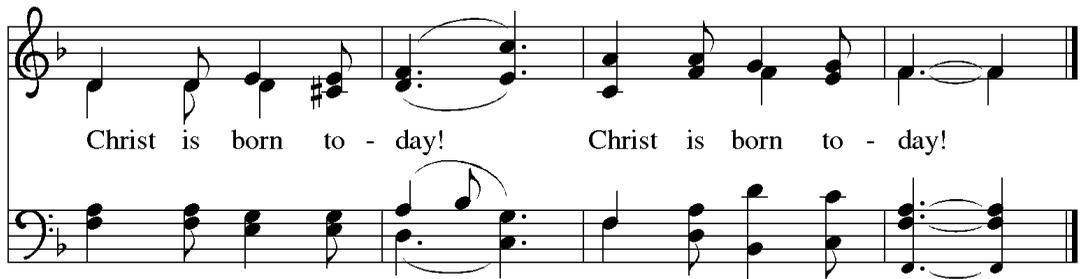
1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi-ce with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!

**The Gathering**

**GREETING**

- A The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you!**

## KYRIE

A Kyrie eleison.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

A Christe eleison.

**C Christ, have mercy.**

A Kyrie eleison.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God,

**C you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let this light ignite our faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## PARISH CONCERNS

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**Christopher Hoch - trombone; Linda Hoch - piano**

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" - *arr. Christopher Hoch*

### The Word

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.



<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
<sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
 their life shall become like a watered garden,  
 and they shall never languish again.  
<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
 I will turn their mourning into joy,  
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
 says the LORD.

L The word of the Lord.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 147: 12-20**

**Refrain**

Wor-ship the LORD, O Je - ru - sa - lem; praise your  
 God, O Zi - on.

**Psalm Tone**

L <sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;  
 praise your | God, O Zion,  
 C <sup>13</sup>**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates  
 and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**  
 L <sup>14</sup>God has established peace | on your borders  
 and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.  
 C <sup>15</sup>**God sends out a command | to the earth,  
 a word that runs | very swiftly. Refrain**



- L <sup>16</sup>God gives | snow like wool,  
scattering | frost like ashes.
- C <sup>17</sup>God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**
- L <sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
- C <sup>19</sup>God declares the | word to Jacob,  
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**
- L <sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah! **Refrain**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

*God has given his holy church every spiritual blessing. He chose us before the foundation of the world was put in place. He adopted all who believe in Christ and calls us his children. Through Christ we have been given the gift of salvation.*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

- L The word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

## HOLY GOSPEL John 1: 1-18

- P The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the

darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**MESSAGE**

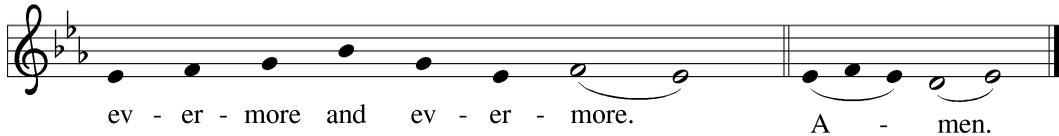
**Pastor Nicholas Hopman**

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY "Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,





## APOSTLES' CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A God of power and might, comfort your people and come quickly  
to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.  
*A brief silence*

*After each petition:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A O heavenly Father, give us all such things through your dear Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Lord and savior, in whose name we thus pray:

**C Our Father,  
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

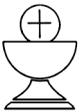
**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Please be seated.*



*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.*

*All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.*

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

*You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.*

*Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.*

***After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided  
(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)***

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" - arr. Lynette Maynard

"Angels We Have Heard on High" - arr. John Carter

*After communion is finished, please stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through  
the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you  
would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent  
love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **The Sending**

## BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**"Joy to the World"**

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and  
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
heav'n and na - ture sing,

**DISMISSAL**

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

"Fanfare on Antioch" - arr. Gerre Hancock

Linda Hoch

*Dismissal: Ushers will release rows from the back of the church to the front. Please keep your bulletin.*

**Offering:** A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service

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**Remember in our prayers...** *The Family of Yvonne Cline, The Family of Ellen Sue Riddle, Connie Caldwell, Grace Sima, Randy Cashman, Marilyn Braatz, Tom Phillips, Manjula Kothuru, Mary Ross, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Shirley Wortman, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Eileen Damm, Shawn Turnbull*

## **Notes & News**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** *We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us.*

**Capital Campaign Update:** Due to the generous donation from the estate of Ray McMillen and the costs associated with financing, Council has moved to payoff our existing debt as soon as the monies to do so are available. Though the Living Stones Capital Campaign is scheduled to go through June of next year (2021), it makes the most financial sense to use our cash now instead of waiting to collect the rest of those pledges. Funds received for the Living Stones Campaign after the payoff will be placed in our facilities reserve fund to be used for property improvements. We appreciate everyone's dedication and continued stewardship to the Living Stones Campaign and excitedly look forward to the next chapter of our Church's ministry. With glad hearts, Melissa Hodek and Robert Bassett

**The Art and Environment Team would like to thank** all who contributed to decorating the church for Christmas this year. The beauty we see helps bring the Spirit of Christmas into our hearts and Christ into our lives. Thanks go to: Juanita Martin, Lois Rumph, Karen and Paul Grant, Jean Clafin, Steve and Sue Mahrt, Nelson Grover, Jim Shore, Fred Pfanz, Sarah Odum, Merle Breen and Sue Monroe.



**2021 Giving Envelopes** have been placed on tables in the Gathering Space and are ready to be picked up. Envelopes can be picked up Sundays, during office hours, and also during office hours, call ahead and the staff will bring them out to your car.



**Service Recording:** The recorded 8:15am service will be available at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) around 11am.

**NURSERY will be closed until further notice. If you have any question see Molly King.**

**2021 WORSHIP SPACE FLOWERS** To sign-up for flowers in the Worship Space, please select the preferred Sunday in the folder at the Welcome Center, include your name, phone number and the reason for the flowers. Gifts for the Worship Space flowers will be combined for arrangements; **the suggested gift for the arrangement is \$20.** Payments accepted by one of the following: include in your weekly giving envelope (notation: flowers) or online at: [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) All special memories and celebrations will be noted in the weekly worship bulletins.



## **YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Vision Statement:** To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

### **Sunday School vs. Adults!**

We are collecting cans of soup during the month of January for WARM. Please bring in cans of soup. There will be designated bins for the cans of soup by the Welcome Center. This year a point system will be used for the competition.



- Chicken Noodle is worth 1 point
- Vegetable Soup is worth 1 point
- Cream soups (Mushroom, Chicken etc.) worth 3 points
- Chunky Soups are worth 5 points
- Tomato Soups are worth 1 point

Last year the adults beat the children 419 cans to 364 cans. We donated 783 cans to Warm. The goal is to donate 1000 cans this year. The Super Bowl is February 7th which is the last day to turn in the cans.. **LET THE COMPETITION BEGIN!**

## **REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY**

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**FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS** *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

### **January Grocery List:**

Peanut butter, jelly; beef and chicken helpers; rice, pasta, potato sides; personal care items (no feminine products or adult diapers); Ziploc bags (especially quart size); canned chicken and tuna; sloppy joe mix; and condiments (all types). We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. **WHILE THE CHURCH IS CLOSED TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES PLEASE TAKE ALL ITEMS DIRECTLY TO W.A.R.M.** along with any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.

**On Tuesday, January 5, from noon-6pm,** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church will be hosting a Blood Drive for The Red Cross. To schedule an appointment call 1800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville See the Red Cross website for donor eligibility information. The drive will be by APPOINTMENT ONLY - no walk-ins! All workers AND Donors will be required to wear a mask (if they don't have one the Red Cross will provide one). Donors will be answering a list of questions and having their temperature taken by a Red Cross employee before coming into area to be checked in. There will only be packaged snacks, water and juice provided by the Red Cross. Vanessa Stewart will be the only volunteer from Grace involved with the blood drive. She will greet and register donors. Direct any questions/concerns to Vanessa. The need for blood is greater than ever. When this Virus situation is over we will all have some catching up to do.



## **TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP**

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**KATHARINE CIRCLE** will meet Monday, January 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. They will continue to meet in Rose Garden Room # 1, Only the day and time

have changed. The study is 'Rejoice in the Lord, Always,' which examines Paul's letter to the Philippians. Shirley Moleno will lead session #5 entitled Lights to the World.

**RUTH CIRCLE:** Ruth Circle will meet in Rose Garden Room 2 & 3 on Monday, Jan. 11th at 1:00pm. We will study lesson #4 about James in the series on "The Twelve Disciples" by Douglas Connelly.

**The Women's Bible Study:** Women's Bible study has started a new study from the Lifeguide series. Advent Of The Savior is a six week study helping us get the most out of Advent and prepare for Christmas. For more information contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.

**AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE:** The adult class led by John Westenhaver meets in Rose Garden 2 & 3 at 9:30 a.m. Questions? Contact John at jwestenhaver@gmail.com.

**Adult Learning:** John 1, 2, & 3 – Comfortable Christianity often means a weak Christianity. In this study on John's three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith. Fellowship with God is the essence of our faith, along with Dr. Evans, we will walk through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience, and truth. In a world that hates Jesus, we are called to love Him and His people with a fierce love. This study will begin on January 17. Please join us in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. This study is facilitated by Bill Kulju.

## ***MUSIC NOTES***

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### **"Twás in the Moon of Wintertime" – arr. Mark Lochstampfor**

This is the earliest "first nations" Christmas carol and the earliest Canadian hymn we know about. It can be traced back to Jean de Brébeuf (1593-1649), a Jesuit priest and missionary who worked among the Canadian Huron people. In 1638, he reported that the Huron people were singing the Creed and the Lord's Prayer in oral native versions prepared by his associate Antoine Daniel. He did not mention what he had written, though an oral tradition included it. In 1794, Etienne de Villeneuve, a priest who worked among the Huron people outside Quebec, with the help of Paul Picard, a bilingual Huron, wrote down the hymns and chants in the Huron oral tradition with French paraphrases. This Christmas hymn was among them. The Huron people told Villeneuve that Brébeuf had written it a century and a half earlier.

### **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" – arr. Barbara Harbach**

The text and tune of this medieval carol have come down through the centuries together. The original text is "macaronic", that is, a combination of Latin with a vernacular language (in this case, German). The purpose of the mix of languages was to teach the Christmas story to uneducated people. The earliest existing form of the carol is at Leipzig University Library, Codex 1305, which dates from around 1400. Published in an early Lutheran hymnal, Joseph Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, Wittenburg (1533), "In dulci júbilo" entered countless Protestant and Roman Catholic collections thereafter.

### **"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" – arr. Christopher Hoch**

This 18<sup>th</sup> century English carol is a story carol. After inviting us to be merry because we have been saved from Satan by Christ's coming, the Christmas story is told. Like many carols, the chorus, or refrain, was for the people to sing after listening to the various stanzas telling the story.

### **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” – arr. Lynette Maynard**

Most of Aurelius Clemens Prudentius’ (348-c. 413) fourth century poems were written for personal devotional use. However, they have been freely drawn up to provide the Western Church with some of its finest hymns. One of his major works *Cathemerinon*, in a section called *Hymnus omnis horae*, contains this hymn, “Corde natus ex Parentis.” Parts of the hymn were sung at the service of Compline in the Christmas season in certain English churches. The translation by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) appeared in *The Hymnal Noted* (1854) and was altered by Henry W. Baker in a trial edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1859). The tune DIVINUM MYSTERIUM is a plainsong melody found in many European manuscripts from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> centuries set to the text “Divinum Mysterium”. It was a Sanctus “trope” – a musical interpolation in the medieval liturgy. It was associated with Neale’s *The Hymnal Noted* (1854).

### **“Angels We Have Heard on High” – arr. John Carter**

It is thought that this anonymous French macaronic (vernacular and Latin) carol “Les anges dans nos campagnes” dates from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The first publication in which it is known to have appeared was *Nouveau recueil de cantiques* (1855). It has become one of America’s best known and loved Christmas carols, though the author of the English translation is also unknown. The tune GLORIA is a traditional French melody that has usually been associated with this historic carol.

### **“Fanfare on Antioch” – arr. Gerre Hancock**

The text for “Joy to the World” was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) as a paraphrase of Psalm 98. It first appeared in his *Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament* (1719). The tune ANTIOCH was arranged by the early American church musician, Lowell Mason, and is based on a melody by George F. Handel (possibly from “The Messiah”).



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Nov. 2020	Estimated Giving	Collected	Excess/ (Deficit)
MTD	\$ 36,667	\$ 45,169	\$ 8,502
YTD	\$403,337	\$ 406,165	\$ 2,828

### **Weekly Worship Attendance**

**Christmas Eve, December 25:** 4pm: 71, 6:30pm 80, 9:00pm: 41, Total: 192

**First Sunday after Christmas, December 27:** 8:15am: 36, 11:00am: 50, Total: 86

## Sweeter Than Honey

Find the 34 **bold** words from Psalm 119:97–104 (ESV)

G A T K Y E N O H E I S T A H  
I N E H D S L O V E E G N G A  
T E I I G I W L K I Y F E E T  
P U S D V U A E N C C A M D E  
M A R E N W A O E Q A U D P N  
H Y X N C A M T T T Q B N R G  
T R M E D I T A T I O N A E D  
P E G W T K S S L K E T M S M  
R V A S R T O E R N S E M I W  
E E E C E Y S P E E H E O W O  
C T H Z H L U M F I D F C Y R  
E Y O T A E I D L O H N E A D  
P V O F U E R U L E S D U W S  
T J K U S O N S R E T E E W S  
S E W O R D M L L A I R M H C

Oh how I **love your law!** It is my **meditation all the day.**  
Your **commandment** makes me **wiser** than my **enemies,**  
for it is ever with me. I have more **understanding** than all  
my **teachers,** for your **testimonies** are my meditation. I  
understand more than the **aged,** for I **keep your precepts.**  
I **hold back my feet** from every **evil** way, in order to keep  
your **word.** I do not **turn aside** from your **rules,** for you have  
**taught** me. How **sweet** are your **words** to my **taste, sweeter**  
than **honey** to my **mouth!** Through your precepts I get  
understanding; therefore I **hate every false way.**

## Serving Today

PRESIDER/PREACHER	Pastor Nicholas Hopman
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
CANTOR	Sue Mahrt
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
LECTOR	8:15 Fred Pfanz 11:00 John Westenhaver
ALTAR GUILD	Kristi George, Nancy Kleberg, Barb & Tom Moser , Laurie Thurman, Margie Cepek, Vanessa Stewart
USHERS	8:15 Paul Whitacre, Martha Barnes-Whitacre, Bob Ayers, Ted Ray
SOUND TECHNICIANS	11:00 Mike Grubb, Bev Grubb, Tom Seamon Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush



## This Week at Grace: January 3-10, 2021

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- Jan. 3    **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
                 PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN  
                 8:15 am    Worship Service  
                 9:45 am    Adult Learning (Rose Garden 2 & 3 and Fellowship Hall)  
                 11:00 am    Worship Service
- MON        1:00 pm    Katharine Circle (Rose Garden 1)
- TUES       12:00 pm    Blood Drive (Gathering Space)  
                 8:00 pm    AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- WED        10:30 am    Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- THURS      10:00 am    Arts and Environment Meeting
- FRI         8:00 pm    AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- SAT         9:30 am    AA Meeting (Online Meeting)  
                 8:00 pm    AA Meeting (Online Meeting)
- Jan. 10    **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
                 PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN  
                 8:15 am    Worship Service  
                 9:45 am    Adult Learning (Rose Garden 2 & 3 and Fellowship Hall)  
                 11:00 am    Worship Service

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