

# Grace United Methodist Church

United Methodist Mission Statement

*The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**December 23, 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

## GATHERING

Prelude A Child Has Been Born Flemish Carol

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Bell Choir

\*Prayer

**Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Praise *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #230

\*Responsive Reading *Canticle of Mary* #199

\**Gloria Patri* #70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Reading of the Word Micah 5:2-5a

Proclamation of the Word *Coming Peace*

## RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* #196

Confession

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Offering/Offertory O Come, O Come Emmanuel Bell Choir

\*Doxology #95

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

**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. Amen.**

## GOING FORTH

\* Hymn *There's a Song in the Air* #249

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts Saint-Saen

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Helping Us					
<b>Head Usher</b>		Thomas Yarris			
<b>Organist</b>		Kathy Russell			
<b>Communion ~ January</b>		Jamie Tinnemeyer			
Today		Christmas Eve		December 30 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>Counter</b>	Sue Herman Justin Tinnemeyer	<b>Counter</b>	Lois Gigler Susan Parker	<b>Counter</b>	Jamie Tinnemeyer Diane Schrecengost
<b>Reader</b>	Linda Schaefer	<b>Reader</b>	Howard Russell	<b>Reader</b>	Rich Caugherty
<b>Acolytes</b>	Haiden Ball	<b>Acolytes</b>	Ariel Rhine	<b>Acolytes</b>	Sadie Brown
<b>Sunday School</b>	Jamie Tinnemeyer	<b>Sunday School</b>	No Sunday School	<b>Sunday School</b>	No Sunday School
<b><i>In our hearts this week:</i></b>					
<b>Maxine Kish</b> 1330 Twelfth Avenue Natrona Heights PA 15065					
<b>Gay Dequinze</b> 200 Sylvan Drive, Apt. 415 Lower Burrell, PA 15068					

**GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Church Office Hours** Wednesday 9-3pm and Friday 9-12pm

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**Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor**/814-450-3606/[drspore@hotmail.com](mailto:drspore@hotmail.com)

**Office hours** Tuesday 10:30 – 1:00pm

**Wednesday floating between both churches and by appointment**

Upper Allegheny Valley Director of Ministry & Community Development

**Pastor Raphael Koikoi**/ 281-620-9928/ [emailpastork@gmail.com](mailto:emailpastork@gmail.com)

Established in 1877

This week at Grace United Methodist Church	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December	Gift Card Order Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in December	Gift Card Distribution (back table)
Monday	9:30 am Thrift Shop Sorting/Cleaning
Monday	6:30 pm Book Study
Wednesday	1:00 – 4:00 pm Thrift Shop



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## **THE WORD**

Micah 5:2-5a New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Ruler from Bethlehem

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

Leader: This is the Word of God

**Thanks be to God**