

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 30, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting

Leader: Christ is born; Give Him Glory!

People: Christ has come down from heaven; receive Him! Christ is now on earth; exalt Him!

*Hymn of Praise *Go Tell It on The Mountain* #251

*Responsive Reading *Psalms 148* #861

**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 Luke 2:41-52

Proclamation of the Word *Obnoxious Preteen?*

RESPONSE

Joys and Concerns and Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response *Alleluia* #186

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering/Offertory

*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 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* #664

* Benediction

* Postlude

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Helping Us			
Head Usher		Thomas Yarris	
Organist		Kathy Russell	
Communion ~ January		Jamie Tinnemeyer	
Today		Next Sunday	
Counter	Jamie Tinnemeyer Diane Schrecengost	Counter	Diane Schrecengost Walter Rutkowski
Reader	Rich Caugherty	Reader	George Reese
Acolytes	Sadie Brown	Acolytes	Skylar Brown
Sunday School	No Sunday School	Sunday School	No Sunday School
<i>In our hearts this week:</i>			
Margaret Jezik 100 Vernon Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15228			
Keith and Norma Henry 207 Norman Drive Lower Burrell, PA 15068			

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1333 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights, PA 15065 / 724-224-7663

Church Office Hours Tuesday 9-12pm and Wednesday 9-3pm

graceumchurch@hotmail.com / <https://gracechurch-today.org>

Rev. Dr. Andrew P. Spore, Pastor/814-450-3606/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

Established in 1877

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



**All who heard him
were amazed...**

Luke 2:47, NRSV

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Pick up your 2019 offering envelopes in the narthex of the church.

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Administrative Council Meeting – Tuesday, January 22nd @ 6:30pm

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THE WORD

Luke 2:41-52 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.