



Luke 3:5

Grace United Methodist Church  
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December 5, 2021  
Pastor Eric Raygor

PRELUDE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us all give thanks before the Lord with gladness and joy.  
**People: This is our God; on whom we have waited for our salvation.**  
Pastor: For the Lord is near to all who call out to God in love and truth.  
**People: The Lord is indeed our Help and the Holy One who delivers us.**  
Pastor: Let us shout the message for all to hear of God's mercy and grace.  
**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

HYMN                      O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs 1-3                      # 234

**\*INVOCATION – Almighty and everlasting God, You hold us safe and sure in Your magnificent right hand. In Your infinite grace and mercy, You have sustained us and called us Your own. We praise You, O Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE  
ANTHEM  
CHILDREN'S TIME  
EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE  
PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER  
OFFERTORY  
\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
  
HYMN                      "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"                      # 196  
SCRIPTURES                      Luke 3:1-6  
MESSAGE                      "Prepare the Way"  
LORD'S SUPPER  
  
CLOSING HYMN                      "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"                      # 203  
\*BENEDICTION  
  
POSTLUDE

**\*Those who are able, please stand**

**GRACE UMC PRAYER CONCERNS:**  
Kim Howard, Bill Lambert, Ron Shaulis, Lillian Pletcher, Glenn & Ginny Brown  
  
\*If you'd like to have a name added to the prayer list, please call the office or place a note in the offering plate or the secretary's mailbox.

The altar flowers have been given for the Glory of God and in loving memory of mother, Bonnie Hoffman by Kim & Charlie Howard

**♪♪Laurel Highland Chorale ♪♪**  
The chorale will perform their annual Christmas Concert on TODAY, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm & Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Somerset Church of the Brethren, 606 Berlin Plan Rd. Admission is \$5.00 payable at the door. For tickets or questions, call Dorene 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460.

The December Mission of the Month is Groceries from Grace food ministry.



ANGEL TREE

Grace has received 35 Angel Tree tags from the Salvation Army. Each tag includes a child's name, age and a few things they are wishing for. If you would like to support this ministry, choose a tag from the tree in the narthex, and SIGN IT out on the clipboard next to the tree. Please do not wrap items, but return them to the church in a Christmas bag or box no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, call the church office. Note: Maximum spending amount: \$35.

#### OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2022 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the hallway. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, or if you were not included and would like to receive a packet, please call the church office, or speak with Karen Kooser.

#### Special Charge Conference TODAY

Our District Superintendant has called a special Charge Conference for all the churches of the area on Sunday, December 5, here at Grace Church, at 3:00 p.m. As a reminder, the Charge Conference is the (usually annual) meeting of the congregation. However, this meeting is being held in response to the bankruptcy of the Boy Scouts of America and because many UM churches have chartered Boy Scout troops. Our church is not directly affected by this, but all are invited to come for the information.

#### POT LUCK LUNCH

Next week, following the Children's program, there will be a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall. Please bring place settings for your family and a dish or dessert to share.