



Grace United Methodist Church
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December 19, 2021
Pastor Eric Raygor

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come! Let us celebrate, for the Lord heard our cries!
People: Praise be to God who has heard our cries and sent our Messiah!

Pastor: Soon to a virgin, a child shall be born and He shall be called Jesus.

People: The Son of the Almighty God! The King of kings!

Pastor: All the world will join us in singing praise to our Messiah.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

HYMN “Angels From the Realms of Glory” # 220

***INVOCATION – Almighty and merciful God, Through the life of Christ, You showed us how genuine love lives and behaves; even when confronted by rejection and death. Dwell in our hearts, O Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Rev & Mrs. Charles Olson*

ANTHEM “A Midnight Clear in Bethlehem” *Chancel Choir*

CHILDREN’S TIME

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE

PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” # 213

SCRIPTURES Luke 1:39-45

MESSAGE “What Can Mary Teach Us?”

CLOSING HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” # 240

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

GRACE UMC PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kim Howard, Bill Lambert, Ron Shaulis, Lillian Pletcher, Glenn & Ginny Brown, Families of Doug Miller, Carol Walker & Courtney Twombly

*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 Alex Leugel Jr. who died in service to our country December 17, 1944 by Chuck and Marge Olson

The Garrett United Methodist Church Choir and friends will present their annual Christmas cantata, “What Christmas Really Means” on Sunday, January 2nd at 7:00pm at Walker Street in Garrett. There will not be a time of fellowship due to covid concerns. Masks should be worn at the discretion of the attendee.

The December Mission of the Month is Groceries from Grace food ministry. January Mission of the Month will be UMCOR Disaster Relief – Kentucky tornado

USHERS & GREETERS NEEDED

We will need ushers and greeters for our Christmas Eve service. The ushers will assist in lighting the candles for the congregation as we sing the last hymn by candlelight. The greeters will be at each entrance to welcome and possibly help to seat guests. There is a signup sheet in the narthex, if you are willing to help.

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.

Tornado Disaster Relief – UMCOR

If you would like to help the disaster relief for the Kentucky tornado event, you can donate on line at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/> or add your donation to your offering and just designate your donation amount to UMCOR Project 901670. Grace will send a check before Christmas.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please note: From December 23rd through January 5th, Brenda Shaffer will be the lead for the prayer chain. Dorothy Dively will be away, enjoying her family. Please call Brenda at 814-798-8041 if you would like to have a prayer added to the prayer chain during this time.