

Grace United Methodist Church
320 Felgar Road
Somerset, PA 15501
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November 29 ,2026
Pastor Justin Judy

PRELUDE
ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Gretchen Allen*
Leader: Like generations upon generations before us, we enter Advent with longing for hope to reign where despair feels entrenched, for peace to rule where conflict and destruction overwhelm.
People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Leader: We gather, wondering whether joy will return when we have experienced so much heartbreak, whether love can make a difference when hate and apathy seem so widespread.
People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Leader: We gather to join our voices with the psalmists and musicians, the travelers, and the faithful from long ago, who also longed for restoration and salvation, who felt God was far away or perhaps felt how far they had wandered away from God.
People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Leader: Come, you who wait and watch for the coming Messiah, to worship God who invites us to join in the Spirit's restoration song until the day when earth and heaven both reflect the fullness of the kingdom of God.
People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Amen.

*Praise Song "King of Kings"

*INVOCATION
God of light, we pray today that you will fill us with hopeful expectation, and that you will cause us to become your children of light. Help us to recognize our opportunities to brighten the lives of others. Help us to live each day as beacons of love gilled with joy, peace, and hope. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Coventry Carol" *Chancel Choir*
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES
Please see insert for Responsive Reading and Song lyrics

CHILDREN'S TIME

EXPRESSION OF NEED AND PRAISE
PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY
* **DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #224

SCRIPTURES Mark 13:24-37 *Tony Maimone*

MESSAGE "Eyes on the Finish Line"

*CLOSING HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #220

*BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE
Those who are able, please stand

GRACE UMC PRAYER CONCERNS:
Chuck Salay, Bill Stephens, Ray Tomsik, Joy Gresiek, Judith Henderson, Bruce and Jaye Holsopple, Pat Wickham, Dorothy Kolinsky, Richard Mostoller,the family of Kristy Burkett, Darlene Roberts, Shirley Schlosser, the Davis Family, the family of Donna Egolf, Terry and Pat Wickham.



The altar flower vases have been given in Loving Memory of Bonnie Hoffman by Charlie & Kim Howard.



Today's "Thinking of You" card will be sent to the Somerset PSP Barracks. The card is located in the narthex.



2 Peter 3:8-15a

MISSION of the Month

THE SALVATION ARMY

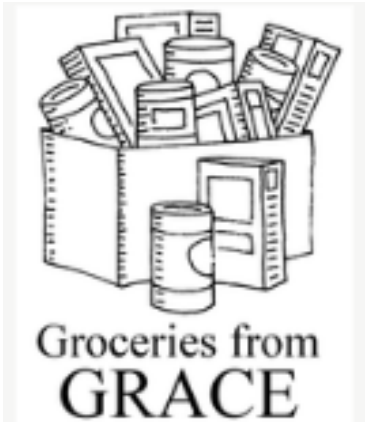
Operation Warm Hearts

DOING THE MOST GOOD

Operation Warm Hearts: Provides heating assistance to eligible families with young children, senior citizens, veterans and/or disabled individuals.

Women Of Grace

The Women of Grace have pumpkin rolls downstairs for those who pre-ordered. A few unclaimed rolls are available on a first come, first serve basis.



December's List

Delivery: December 18, 2026

- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Rice
- Soup
- Spray Cleaner
- Hamburger Helper
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Taco Kits
- Veggies
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Cookie Mix
- Paper Towel



Starting at 7 pm on Monday, November 30, we will be having a Monday Evening Advent Bible Study. The study will be based on the tradition of the Advent Candles. No book (except the Bible) is needed and materials will be provided.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of Somerset County, Inc., located at 235 W. Church St. Somerset, is hiring a bookkeeper/coordinator. This is a paid position. Key responsibilities include coordinating, overseeing, and verifying daily meal packing, maintaining accurate and updated client lists and routes, invoicing clients, tracking payments, providing customer service, and assisting as needed with other staff responsibilities. Requirements include basic computer experience with email, spreadsheets, word processing; experience with invoicing; strong communication skills; and ability to lift 25 lb. coolers multiple times each day. Hours 7am -1pm M-F. Interested? Email or call Lori Nist at mealsonwheels81@gmail.com or 814-443-2787.

Faith on Fire Youth Group

Faith on Fire will not meet tonight. See you next week.



After the service on Sunday, November 29, 2026, we will decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please plan to stay after the service as many hands make light work. Lunch will be provided.



The Angel Tree has arrived!!! If you are able, please choose a tag, sign the sheet next to the number on your tag, purchase the gifts requested (no more than $50), attach the tag to the unwrapped gifts, and bring the gifts to the Church by **December 6, 2026** to be blessed and delivered on time.



For the month of December, The Men of Grace will meet for lunch at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on December 12, 2026. Rich will be making brisket. All men are welcome. Please sign up in the Narthex so enough food is prepared.



Anyone interested in sharing a musical gift with the congregation on Christmas Eve should sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

CHOIR news

Beginning November 22, 2026, the choir will practice Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the parlor. Anyone who would like to help us make a joyful noise for the holiday season (or longer) is encouraged to attend.

The Laurel Highlands Chorale

The Laurel Highlands Chorale invites YOU to come "CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS" at their annual Christmas concert to be held on **Sunday, December 6th at 3:30 pm** and **Monday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.** Under the direction of Jan Burkett and accompanied by Stephanie Pesi, the chorale will perform favorite Christmas songs such as "Joy to the World", "Noel", and "Silver Bells", along with a few new selections. Intermission music will highlight the "hidden" talents of various members of the chorale. For additional information or tickets, please contact Dorene Friedline at (814) 926-3610 or (814) 442-0460. We look forward to seeing you there!

nursery of Grace

We are so excited to officially re-open the church nursery.

We will serve children ages 0-4 years.

Special thanks to our first volunteers:

Lauren Wendel	Krista Mathias	Karen Witt
Becky Boyer	Sherry Walker	Kristen Tarbay
Kristen Lowry	Kelly Allen	Natalie Hunt
Cindy Wickham	Kate McQuade	Amy Maimone

We would like to welcome you to our team as well. Reach out to Stephanie Judy @ 412-551-8434 or Morgan McQuade @ 814-701-8204 for a volunteer or child registration packet.

And if you would like to give a donation to help us update our room, consider using our Amazon Wishlist to give something we are sure the kids will love.
https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2DPRMYMWSR4B5?ref%20=cm%20sw%20r%20apann%20ggr-subnav-share%208M9ZPM3QP22IPSFRK0HA&language+en-US

Responsive Reading

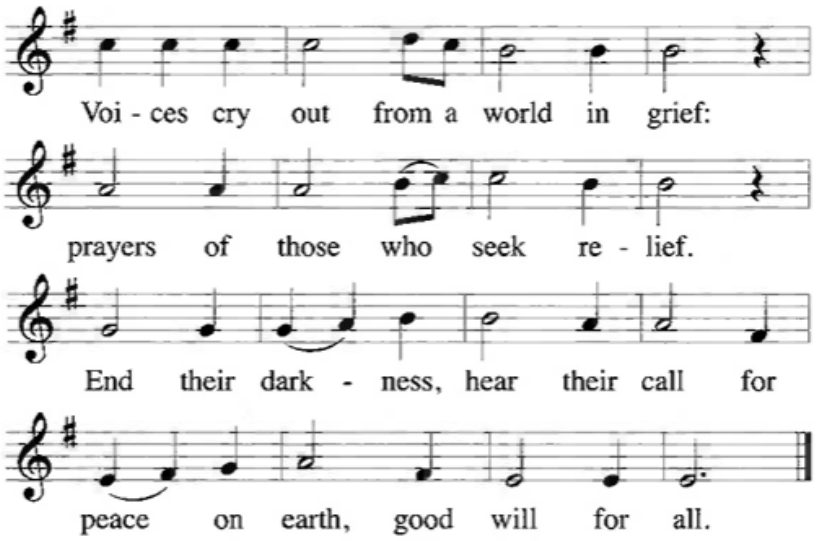


Leader: Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.
People: God of Light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.
Leader: Advent is a time of self-examination.
People: God of Light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.
Leader: Advent is a time of joyful expectation.
People: God of Light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.
Leader: Advent is a time of service and searching.
People: God of Light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.

Light of Light

Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY



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POINSETTIA ORDERS

Tomorrow is the last day to get your Poinsettia Orders to Amy. Extra order forms are available in the Narthex or call the Church Office

