



Order of Worship: December 29th

Prelude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

"Great is the Lord"

Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:12-17

Psalm 148

Luke: 2:41-52

Unison Prayer

Song: *"How Great Thou Art"*

Message: "Searching for Him"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"I Love to Tell the Story"*

25th Year Reflections

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

Blessing

Postlude (Casey Derksen)

This Week at Grace:

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am tbd

Wednesday:

Happy New Year!
(office is closed)

If you are planning to meet at Grace UMC, you need to call ahead or email the office to reserve space and to get your meeting on the church calendar. To adjust for heating/cooling needs, Pastor Jen needs to know if/when you are meeting.

Office Phone:
218-568-5755

Grace Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday
9 a.m. to noon

Worship
Online--available at
www.graceumcpequotlakes.org

In-Person Worship
Sunday--9am

Unison Prayer

"Heavenly Father, as we are united in Christ, help us to set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated at Your right hand; may we put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other, as You have forgiven us, and let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts; in Jesus' name, Amen."

Call to Worship

L: Children of God: welcome!

P: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

P: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

L: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

P: We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

All: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.



Scriptures for next week:

Ephesians 3:6-12

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Matthew 2:1-12

Whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of
the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to
God the Father.

Colossians 3:17




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Mission Giving for December

Our Mission Focus for December will be shared between our support of the Soup Kitchen and the Relationship Safety Alliance (Women's shelter).

If you are giving towards these gifts, please use one of the envelopes provided at the back of the sanctuary or make a note on your check with "December Missions".



Let them praise the name
of the LORD: for he
commanded, and they
were created.

—Psalm 148:5



Grace needed please

We have been experiencing problems with our sound system for the last few weeks; some weeks it affects the service in-house, and sometimes it affects our streamed service. We are aware that this can be quite frustrating, please know that we are working on a solution!



It is now the time of year that we need to consider the safety of this community when attending services or events. Please always choose the safest plan, because everyone lives in such a widespread area. When in doubt on the cancellation of any church function, please contact the church office or your group leader. We will also post cancellations on our Facebook page as needed as well.



End of Year Giving

If you would like your gift to be included in the statement of giving that you receive for 2024, please have this gift to church for this Sunday's count (the 29th), unless you have made special arrangements. Monies received after this date cannot be guaranteed to be counted with our 2024 offerings.

Thank you.

The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9am until noon. Ring the doorbell and we will come to open the south door!

--Church office phone: 218-568-5755

--Church office (for all general inquiries and administrative/clerical duties)

graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com

--Pastor Jen Matthees – jenmatt20@gmail.com

--Ann Hutchings-Congregational Care Assistant-graceumccare@gmail.com



Communication Reminder.....

The church office email (graceumcpequotlakes@gmail.com) should be used to inform the office about ALL events, meetings, or use of the building you would like to schedule so they can be added to the master calendar. This enables us to avoid scheduling conflicts and make sure the areas of the building are cooled/heated as needed. The official church calendar is maintained by volunteers.

Additionally, did you know the church calendar is available on our website (graceumcpequotlakes.org)? There is a tab near the top, right side you can click to see the calendar!

Our Congregational Care Assistant, Ann Hutchings, is in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00-noon. Her role is to follow-up with our church family, through telephone calls, notes and email, as well as greet and welcome those who visit our church and assist with any needs. Ann's email (graceumccare@gmail.com) should be used for "congregational care" needs only.

If you have something that should be added to this newsletter from your group or mission, please speak with Pastor Jen or email the details to her at jenmatt20@gmail.com. The E-Grace is generally completed by noon on Thursdays, so articles need to be received by Thursday 10am at the very latest.

If you wish to connect with me directly and it is not an emergency, please know that I will respond as needed during pretty regular office hours. I am generally in the church on Tuesday (830-1130) and Wednesday (10-3) call the office to be sure, as my weeks and Mondays vary. You may find me here at other times too! I check my emails frequently throughout the day, and this is the best way to contact me. **Friday is my day off** as needs allow.

-Pastor Jen



Important note

If you are mailing something to the church, ***you must use our P.O. Box for the address.*** We do not receive mail at the church, and if you use the physical church address it will get returned and could delay your notices to us or offerings.

**P.O. Box 276
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472**

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On our website you can find links to past services, a spot to watch this week's service, an online link to giving, and much more!

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