



Order of Worship: January 5th

Prelude (Casey Derksen)

Welcome/Announcements

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Opening Songs:
"We Three Kings"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Scripture Readings:

Ephesians 3:6-12
Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Matthew 2:1-12

Unison Prayer

Song: *"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

Message: "Pay Attention"

Offering/Doxology/Offertory Prayer

Song: *"Grace Alone"*

Communion

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Song: *"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"*

Blessing

Postlude (Casey Derksen)

This Week at Grace:

Tuesday:

Bible Study 9am
Bell Practice 430pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 4pm
Confirmation 6pm

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

O God,
you made of one blood all nations,
and, by a star in the East, revealed to
all peoples him whose name is
Emmanuel.

Enable us who know your presence
with us so to proclaim his
unsearchable riches that all may
come to his light and bow before the
brightness of his rising, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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Call to Worship

L: Darkness is banished!

P: God's light has come to us!

L: The brightness of the Star leads
us!

P: We come to celebrate God's
abiding love!

L: Glory be to God in the Highest!

P: And on earth, peace forever.

AMEN.



Scriptures for next week:

Genesis 1:1-2

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Luke 3:15-17





Mission Giving for January

Our Mission Focus for December will be sent to support the work of "My Neighbor to Love", and their efforts to support those who are struggling with stable housing.

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 "January Missions".

"In his days the righteous one
will sprout,

And the abundance of peace
until the moon is no more."

Psalm 72:7



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! Yes, we are working with our contractors, but the holiday schedules made things a bit difficult on both sides.

IN HIM AND THROUGH
FAITH IN HIM WE MAY
ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE
WITH BOLDNESS AND
CONFIDENCE.

- EPHESIANS 3:12



It is now the time of year that you may need to consider personal safety when making plans to attend 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.

An easy way to support the food shelf is by enjoying breakfast on Saturday morning (Jan 4th) at the Pelican Lake Conservation Club, breakfast served from 8-11am. All proceeds go to LAFS. Pastor Jen will be helping serve too!



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

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Visit our website

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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