

**Monday 12/23**

9:00 am TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meeting  
(Bell Hall)  
3:30 pm Private Music Lessons (Music Room)

**Tuesday 12/24**

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)

**Wednesday 12/25**

Merry Christmas!

**Thursday 12/26**

3:30 pm Yoga Bliss (Bell Hall)

**Sunday 12/29**

9:00 am Sunday School  
Children & Youth (Room 110)  
Wired Word (Room 202)  
Morning Glory (Room 204)  
Men's Class (Room 205)  
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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Fri. 8:00am – 12:00pm  
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**Prayer Requests**

Jerry & Peggy Lewis, Dana Barry, Cliffe Burch,  
Dalene Kelly, Martha Patterson,  
Bob & Kristi Rice (Missionaries)

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion**

**Worship Service**

**Tuesday, December 24**

Join us December 24 at 5:00 pm. Communion will be served during this celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please make plans to attend this beautiful service.

**Church Office Closure**

The Church Office will be closed  
Tuesday, December 24, 2024,  
Wednesday, December 25, 2024,  
Tuesday, December 31, 2024, and  
Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

**Year-End Financial Contributions**

IRS regulations require that all charitable contributions intended for tax deductions be given and deposited no later than the last calendar day of the year in which the deduction will be taken. If you have contributions you would like to make to Grace as a taxable contribution on your 2024 taxes, the church office will be accepting contributions through 5:00 pm on December 30, 2024.

**Reverse Advent**

Just a reminder, if you packed an Advent box or bag for Grace Cares please turn it in by January 2, 2025.

**Christmas Decorations**

We need volunteers to help pack up the Christmas decorations between January 6 – 10, 2025. Please contact Jan Pitts with any questions or to help.



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The Nativity

*Small enough to  
feel like family...  
Big enough to  
make an impact!*

*December 22, 2024  
Rev. Eric Spoon*

## ***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Centering Music**

*Please take a moment of silence, listen to the music, and prepare your hearts for worship.*

**Call to Worship**

\* **Hymn 132** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Silent Prayer...*

**God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary’s song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

\* **Gloria Patri** “Glory be to the Father”

## ***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

**Advent Candle Lighting - Love**

Lily Hoisington

**Old Testament**

Micah 5: 2 - 5a

**Anthem** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**New Testament**

Luke 1: 39 - 45

**Leader:** This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Changing the World”

Rev. Eric Spoon

## ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

**Offering of Gifts**

*Ways to Give*

~ *Offering Plate in the Narthex.*

~ *Offering Plate by the doors leaving the Sanctuary.*

~ *Anytime Online at our Church Website.*

~ *In Person in the Church Office During the Week.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\* **Doxology**

**Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer**

*There will be a time of silence as part of the prayers of the people. In the silence, you are invited to lift your joys and concerns to the Lord.*

## ***BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD***

\* **Hymn 114**

“Away in a Manger”

\* **Charge & Benediction**

\* **Benediction Response**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”  
Hymn 136, Refrain, vs. 3, Refrain

\* **Postlude**

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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