

## WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 9, 2018

### Contemporary Worship – 9:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please fill out your Response Card and place it in the offering.)*

**Passing the Peace**

**Praise Music**

**Prayers**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH takes place after the prayers at the 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service in TFEC. Families will worship together, then the children will be dismissed to Children's Church (between 9:15-9:20) in rooms 106 and 108 for Children's Church and Bible story time.

**Offering**

**Scripture Reading**

**Message**

The Light of Peace

Isaiah 11:1-6

Rev. Robin Hager

**Closing and Blessing**

#### Are You New to Grace's Contemporary Service?

We are so glad that you are here!

- The service will begin with announcements and about 20 minutes of singing, followed by an offering then there will be a message from the Bible. *Please feel at home.*
- After the service, stop by our Information Center. We are here to answer your questions and give you a tour.
- Check out [Graceontheisland.com](http://Graceontheisland.com). It has staff listings, information, statement of beliefs, upcoming events, etc.

**CAMPUS MAPS** are available in the TFEC lobby in the information carousel and in the Narthex on the lobby table or on the wall near the hallway.



**6:00pm Contemporary Candlelight Service, TFEC**  
**8:00pm Traditional Candlelight Service, Sanctuary**  
**11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Unplugged, TFEC**



**NEXT SUNDAY is Children's Coin Ministry Sunday.** Please remember to bring your loose coins to place in the offering plate to help support children and youth ministries. Thank you for your support of **Children's Coin Ministry Sunday!**

## WORSHIP

Traditional Service – 11:00 AM

\*Please stand as you are able

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Carolyn Winfrey

PRELUDE

***Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming***

arr. Dobrinski

GraceTones Handbells Ensemble, Mike Berndt, flute

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(people read the bold face type)*

Leader: We know what time it is—the moment to wake from sleep.

**People: We awaken to greet the day, yearning for God's peace on this earth.**

Leader: Let us lay down our swords and put aside all works of darkness.

**People: Let us walk in the light and live as peacekeepers.**

Leader: Let us worship our God as expectant believers.

**People: We worship with joy, knowing Christ will come!**

\*HYMN #211

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2, 4, 6 & 7)***

**Advent Candle Lighting**

**Leader:** Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Leader:** Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace.

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and we were reminded of our HOPE in Christ. We light it again as we remember our Savior, born a king in the line of King David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

*(A person lights the First Candle, the Candle of Hope)*

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of PEACE. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

*(A person lights Second Candle, the Candle of Peace)*

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER, MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM ***Creation Will Be at Peace*** arr. A.L. Page

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(In Unison)*

**God of Wisdom and Grace, we've been bombarded with messages telling us what gift to buy to make our Christmas perfect. Yet you, Lord of Love, have given that gift already, against which no other gift can compare—a Savior, a Messiah, Jesus born in Bethlehem. We ourselves, have been purchased, and so all that's left for us to give out of gratitude for that one, unmatched gift. We bring our tithes and offerings to you for the building of your kingdom here on earth, which your children might always find room—room in our hearts and in our homes. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.**

\*DOXOLOGY #95

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

\*HYMN #209

***Blessed Be the God of Israel***

SPECIAL MUSIC:

***Come, Lord Jesus, Come***

Margaret R. Green

Meg Green, soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-6

MESSAGE

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\*HYMN #206

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

J.S. Bach

Serving as Worship Leader today: John Thurston

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**KIDZ CLUB Tim** at 9:55 AM following Children's Church, children are taken upstairs to rooms 205, 206/207. This time will include crafts, games and sometimes a small snack. Please check your child in **PRIOR** to worship to ensure safety for your child. Pickup is upstairs (in the back lobby area) at 11:15 AM.

#### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Sunday school meets on Sunday morning, at 10:15AM, right after the Life Journey service in TFEC, in Room 200. We will be using Cokesbury's Submerge.

#### ADULT CLASSES

##### Traditional

9:30 AM Wesleyan Class in the main building, West Wing  
9:30 AM Christian Encounters in the main building, East Wing

##### Contemporary

10:15 AM Your Turn Class in the main building, Parlor B.  
Connecting Class in TFEC Room 108  
Discussing our week with Jesus and making the word connect in our daily lives with our families.

For more information, Sunday school fliers are located in the information display in the lobby of TFEC or on the table in the Narthex of the main building.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday – December 9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in advent**

- 8:30am Coffee Time – TFEC Lobby  
9:00am \*Children's Church – TFEC Rooms 106 (3-5 years) & 108 (K-5<sup>th</sup>)  
9:00am \*LifeJourney Contemporary Worship – TFEC  
9:30am \*Traditional Adult Sunday school–Wesleyan, WW; Christian Encounters, EW;  
10:00am Kidz Club – TFEC Rooms 205 – 207  
10:15am \*LifeJourney Adult Sunday school; Connections= 108;  
Your Turn=Parlor B;  
10:15am \*Anchored Youth Sunday school – TFEC Room 200  
11:00am \*Traditional Worship – Sanctuary  
3:00pm Eirinn Abu Concert – Sanctuary

### **Monday – December 10**

- 10:30am Preschool Piano – TFEC RM 108  
9:00am UMW Christmas Tea Setup – Punch Hall  
9:00am Preschool Christmas Prog. Reh – TFEC  
4:30pm Prayer Group – Chapel  
6:00pm Suncoast Emmaus Board Meeting – Parlor

### **Tuesday – December 11 Newscaster Info DUE**

- 8:00am Finance Meeting – PH Back Conference Rm.  
9:00am Preschool Christmas Prog. Reh. – TFEC  
10:00am Grace Staff Meeting – Parlor  
10:30am Preschool Dance – TFEC  
2:00pm UMW Christmas Tea – Punch Hall  
5:30pm GraceTones Handbell Ensemble– Music Room  
6:30pm Cub scouts Pack 77 – Punch Hall/108/201/202  
6:30pm Preschool Christmas Program – TFEC  
7:00pm AA Meeting – Meeting Room C

### **Wednesday – December 12**

- 9:00am Piecemakers – Punch Hall & East Wing  
9:30am Santa is Coming/Preschool – Punch Hall  
10:30am Preschool Gymnastics – TFEC  
1:30pm VOI Communion – VOI  
5:15pm Snack Supper – TFEC  
6:00pm Grace Kidz & Anchored Youth – TFEC  
6:00pm Grace Grow Groups – ( The Grave Robber – RM 103)  
(Down to Earth – RM 108)  
6:30pm Boy Scout Troop #77 – PH/EW/WW  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room  
7:00pm Al Anon Meeting – Meeting Room C

### **Thursday – December 13**

- 10:30am Preschool Gymnastics – TFEC  
6:00pm Girl Scouts – TFEC Rm 203  
7:00pm AA Meeting – Meeting Room C  
7:00pm Life Journey Praise Team Practice – TFEC Main Hall

### **Friday – December 14**

- 9:00am Threadcatchers  
10:00am French Club – Meeting Rm C  
10:30am Martial Arts – TFEC GYM

### **Saturday – DECEMBER 15**

- 8:00am Pancake Breakfast – TFEC

## STEWARDSHIP

Figures from Sunday, December 2, 2018  
General Offering Received: \$21,486.00  
Weekly Offering General Fund Goal: \$16,549.25

Attendance: 372 (One Year Ago: 375)

### **Mission Support**

Pat & Karen Burroughs-Campus Crusade  
Sister Methodist Church in Herrera, Cuba

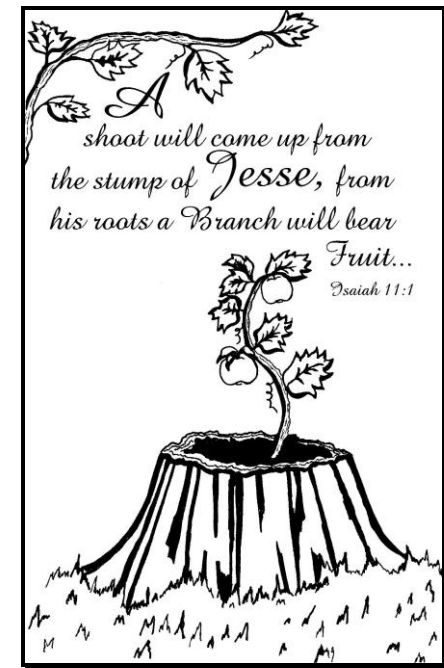
## CHURCH STAFF

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# Grace

## United Methodist Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

# December 9, 2018

### **Helpful Information**

Our NURSERY is located in the main hallway of TFEC and is available during all worship services and Sunday school.  
*Infant & Toddler room – 104 Preschoolers – 106*

Children's notebooks are located on the back wall. Children who remain in worship service are welcome to read and color the paper activities that relate to what the younger children are doing in Children's church.

### **In the Sanctuary**

Do you wear a hearing aid? A designated seating area beside the Sound Booth is equipped with a hearing assisted loop. The loop is compatible with t-coil enabled hearing aids. For more information, please speak with Mike Ferguson, our sound technician.

Hearing amplifiers are also available from the ushers.

**Large print hymnals and bulletins are located in the rear of the Sanctuary.**





### ~WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES~

WE START WITH SNACK SUPPER. WHICH BEGINS SERVING AT 5:15 PM IN TFEC FOR THE CHILDREN/YOUTH, FAMILIES AND ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES. SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$2.50 PER PERSON.

6:00 PM ACTIVITIES BEGIN & WRAP UP CLOSE TO 7:15 PM

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE GRACE KIDZ OR ANCHORED YOUTH PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES CONTACT VICKI MACKKEY AT [CHILDREN@GRACEONTHEISLAND.COM](mailto:CHILDREN@GRACEONTHEISLAND.COM)



Wednesday Grace Grow Groups allows you to dig deeper into the word of God in a community setting. It is open to men, women, single or married. Our Wednesday Studies will vary from specific books of the Bible, topical studies to seasonal reflections. A perfect place to grow together with your Grace Family. Grow Groups will take place at 6, just after snack supper. Join us for that too!

1. **The Grave Robber by Mark Batterson** - Starts 10/10  
Room: 103 The study highlights the miracles of Jesus from the Gospel of John. The study includes a DVD teaching by New York Times bestselling author and Pastor Mark Batterson followed by lively discussion lead by Nancy Klingbeil and delicious refreshments including Nancy's world famous tea. Led by Nancy Klingbeil



2. **Down to Earth by Mile Slaughter** – Starts 11/28 at 6pm in the 108. A virgin birth. God's son...a helpless baby. Fleeing certain death. Nothing about the Christmas story is ordinary. Mike Slaughter says it's enough to confound the mind and make the heart contrite. In his book, Down to Earth, Slaughter presents a four-week Advent study that opens up God's Christmas surprise to us and examines how it changed everything. All are welcome! Led by Becky Delaney.

### CONNECT



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On Sunday, December 9th, masterful soprano saxophonist and recording artist Eirinn Abu will be performing a Christmas concert at 3:00pm in the main sanctuary hosted by Grace United Methodist Church.

Eirinn Abu will be performing selections from his "Saxy Christmas" album along with selections from "Ten Love Stories" and a new album released this year titled "HYMNS."

### CONNECT

#### UMM Travel Club



Florida Aquarium in Tampa, with a dolphin watching cruise on Tampa Bay. Date **January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Leave church at 8:15am and return about 6:30. As of right now the trip is full but if you would like to be put on the waiting list in case a spot becomes available contact John Milton 484-7975.



Note: Since we are not traveling to a Christmas music program, come to the Cantata presented by our GUMC Choir on December 23 at 11:00am



GUMC Preschool Christmas Program will take place on Tuesday, December 11th in TFEC at 6:30p.m. Seating is limited.



Next Pancake Breakfast & Country Store sale Saturday, December 1st and 15th at 8:00am. If you like to help out or have any questions call the church office at 941-488-1374. Donations for the country store always accepted. If you need help packing up items or need them picked up contact Judy Johnson 941-488-6929.



Grace United Methodist Women  
Invite you to Christmas Tea  
Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 2pm-4pm  
Punch Hall

\*(A donation of flour, rice, oil, beans or sugar will be Collected for Cornerstone Ministries in Tampa, FL

