

GRACE CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for our church family, including:

- **Gayle Meyerhoff** for a successful procedure on Monday, November 29th, and healing for a simple recovery.
- **Jim Boock** for peace and patience at home during the recovery period following his procedure November 4.
- **Evelyn Fitch** for healing after sudden illness.
- **Liz Wodday** as she awaits the sale of her home.
- **Gretchen Peery** at Brightview in Edgewater.
- **Bob Andersen, Cyndie Friese's father**, as he recovers from a fractured hip in Annapolis.

If you would like your prayer to be known, fill out a yellow Prayer Request card and leave it in the offering box, or on the church website 'Prayer' page.

ELDER & DEACON NOMINIATIONS

Members, submit your nomination ballots for the offices of elder and deacon today. Pick up your ballots in the Narthex and submit your nominations in the Narthex or offering boxes through November.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Join us as we dress the Sanctuary in celebration of the birth of Christ. Sign up online or complete a form in the entrance hall to honor loved ones with Poinsettias. Funds that are marked '**Flowers**' on the envelope or check can be placed in the offering box or mailed to the church.

FOLLOW YOUR SHOEBOX THIS CHRISTMAS

From the church website **Events** page, click the **Upcoming Events** button and scroll to find the 'Shoeboxes' event. Click the link to **Track** your shoebox.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT & COOKIE EXCHANGE

We are excited to gather together with the women of Grace on Saturday, December 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, for a Christmas craft project and cookie exchange.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

To sign up for these and all our events, check your inbox for our weekly email update '*This Week at Grace*'. Click a colored link in the email for details. You can find the details of all the events at Grace throughout the week by visiting the church website 'Events' page. Click the 'Upcoming Events' button.

WELCOME

We are glad you are here today! If you are new, please fill out a blue Visitors card in the pews and drop it in the offering box as you leave the sanctuary. We hope you will join us for **classes for all ages today** after service at **11:00 am**.

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PCA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



The Lord's Day
First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021
9:30 am

SILENT MEDITATION

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

"Be still and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 15:3-4

SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL

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Sing we the song of Emmanuel
This the Christ who was long foretold
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold
God Most High in a manger laid
Lift your voices and now proclaim
Great and glorious Love has come to us
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel
King who came with no crown or throne
Helpless He lay the Invincible
Maker of Mary now Mary's son

O what wisdom to save us all
Shepherds sages before Him fall
Grace and majesty what humility
Come on bended knee adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel
Joy and peace for the weary heart
Lift up your heads for your King has come
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark

Glory shining for all to see
Hope alive let the gospel ring
God has made a way He will have the praise
Tell the world His name is Jesus (Repeat)

WELCOME TE Nick Stalnos

OPENING PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Isaiah 9:2

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL Hymn #194

CONGREGATIONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

**O Almighty God, You brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus; we acknowledge that we are
unworthy of Your redeeming grace.
We have not believed Your promises;
nor trusted in our living Lord.**

**In our worldliness, our eyes have been
kept from discerning His presence with us.
Our hearts have not burned within us
as we have heard His Word.
We have not trusted in His redeeming power;
and have been overcome of evil.
We have forgotten the glad tidings of His victory
over death.
We have not known the things that belong to our
peace.
But now in penitence we come to You,
calling out for Your forgiveness.
Mercifully grant us deliverance from all our sins;
restore unto us the joy of Your salvation;
for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and
Advocate. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing
over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever, because he
delights in steadfast love.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYST'RY

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Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

SERMON Elder Phil Mahaffey

"Hope In A Hopeless World"
1 Peter 1:13-21

COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS #196

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