

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

All are welcome to this service of communion; All are wanted at the table of the lord.

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God During the Service — Let God speak to you After the Service — Speak to one another

#### TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.

To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799 8:30 am Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 livestream on our Facebook page.

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### **Opening Hymn:** O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come O come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come O Wisdom from on high

Who orders all things mightily.

To us the path of knowledge show

And teach us in Her ways to go.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come O come thou Lord of might

Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height

In ancient times didst give the law

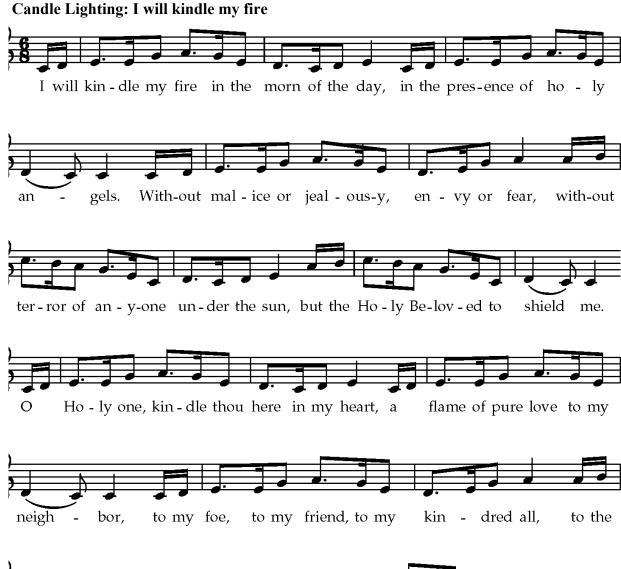
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION:**

Creator God, we praise you for your love in coming to us in Jesus. Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name, and the courage to be Christ for others. **AMEN.** 





brave, to the knave, to the thrall. O child of the love-li-est Ma - ry, from the



#### CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

Creator God, master of both the light and the darkness, as we light these four Advent candles, send your Holy Spirit upon us during this season as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas: we who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us: we who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" **AMEN.** 

# **KYRIE**

# At the 8:30 Service:

Priest: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One

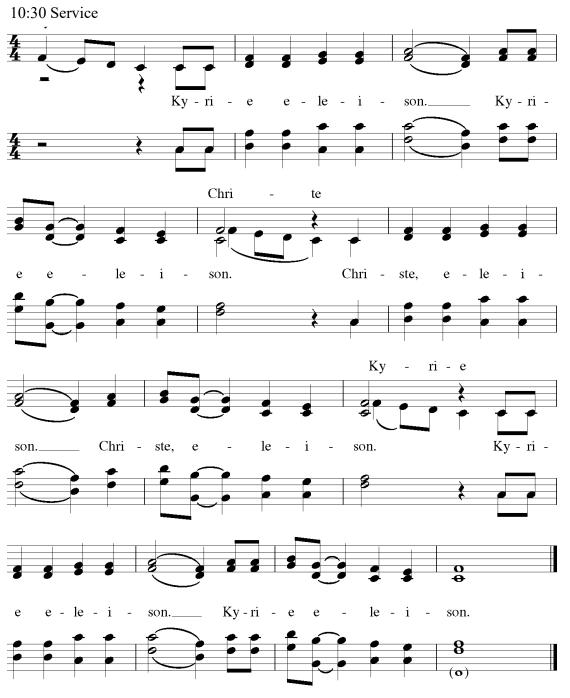
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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: May God be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,

from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

and he shall be the one of peace.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

#### THE RESPONSE

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# The Song of Mary Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \* for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \* the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \* in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \* he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \* and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \* and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \* for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \* to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### THE SECOND READING

#### Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel Hymn: The First One Ever



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

## Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ

The Homily: The Rev. Steven Steinberg-Domienik

We observe a brief silence for reflection.

#### The Affirmation of our Faith

At the early service:

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

The Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

At the later service:

We believe in the God of Life, who creates and loves all people, who acts in history and who promises never to leave us alone.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who is both human and divine.

We believe that we dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit for without her we are nothing; filled with her we are able to become creative, lively and free.

We believe in the Church of Jesus our Christ,

a community where we find companions and courage for the struggles of life, where we grow in our understanding of the faith through worship, prayer and service.

We believe that God has a purpose for us in this time and place, that even though we walk through difficult times we are called to be instruments of God's peace.

We believe in using, enjoying, respecting and caring for all that God has created for us.

We believe that people can change and that God transforms and heals us in ways that we may not expect or imagine.

We believe that there is life with God after death even though we may not understand it. Amen.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The People stand or kneel.

May our hearts leap for joy as we again assemble in prayer to await the coming of Jesus. With Mary may our souls proclaim God's greatness as we say:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church: As the celebration of your incarnation draws near, we remember the many ways your revelation is lifted up in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For everyone who comes to Grace for worship, food or shelter: May we be enriched by everyone who comes through our doors and may we encourage them in their hopes and dreams, and strengthen them in their gifts and faith.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the young Mary's and Joseph's in our midst and for newborn children, especially those who are undernourished and without parental love and care. May everyone be given a place to call home and loving people to support them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in authority in our community, state and nation: that you may guide their hearts and minds to make good decisions for the welfare of all people.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For an end to violence, oppression and injustice in our world. May we join with Mary's song that we may be among those who exalt the lowly and fill the hungry with good things, routing out the proud of heart and drawing courage from the power of your love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who have died: Let us remember those who have gone before us, our families, friends and those who have sacrificed for us. We also pray for the sick, the homeless, the hungry and those struggling with COVID-19.

#### Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who are sick or infirmed and for those suffering because of COVID – 19, And for all who have asked for our prayers: Ena, Michelle, Jeff, Cindy, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz, Janice, Jennifer, Nina, Frank, Barbara, Helen, Matthew, Jennie, Katherine, Reggie, Pam, Karen, Ollie, Jasmine, Allen, Donna, Tom, Darrell, Frankie, Margaret, Sue, Dominique, Lianne, Lori, Michael, Eric, Leslie, Elliott, Neville, Bud, Sue, Mike, Deanna, Connie, Jenny, John, Helen, Charlotte, Adele, Joan, Jackie, James, Elizabeth, Yvonne.

Leader: Are there others?

Bless, comfort and protect all those for whom we pray

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

#### CONCLUDING COLLECT

O Lord, we gather up all of our prayers, confident that as each day passes that you transform darkness into light. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus. **AMEN.** 

#### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.

By what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus our Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,

That we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. AMEN.

My sisters and brothers: God loves us, God has mercy on us, God forgives us and God sets us free. So go out and forgive others and forgive yourself so that we all may be free. **AMEN.** 

#### THE PEACE

NOTE: We are sharing the peace in COVID safe ways, so we ask that you do something other than hug or shake hands.

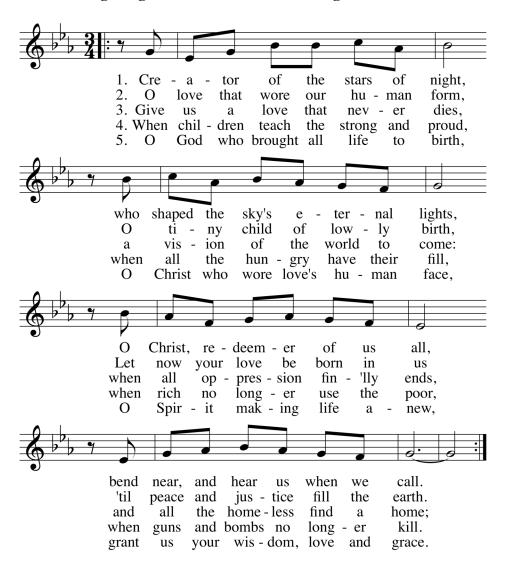
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

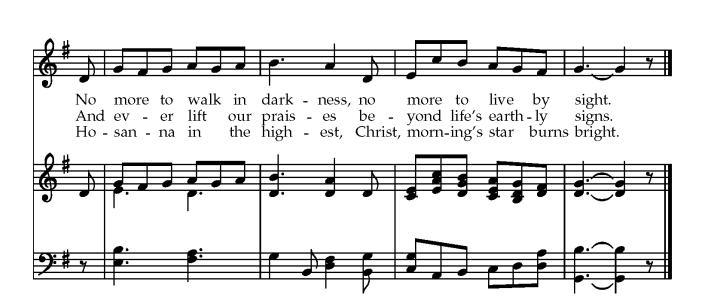
#### THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

# The Offering Song: Creator of the Stars of Night



# **Doxology: We Stand within the Circle**





# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ADVENT 4

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CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you O God, Creator of heaven and earth.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed in Jesus, born of Mary.

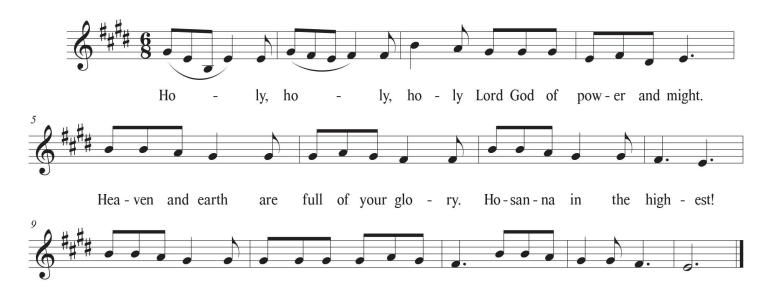
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **SANCTUS**

#### At the 8:30 Service:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### At the 10:30Service



Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est!

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus our Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

# The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus our Christ. For it is by him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN*.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

At the 8:30 Service:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thine name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

#### At the 10:30 Service:

Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

#### **BREAKING OF BREAD**

#### 8:30 Service

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

# **ALL:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Celebrant says the following:

The Gifts of God for all of us the holy People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

#### At the Later Service







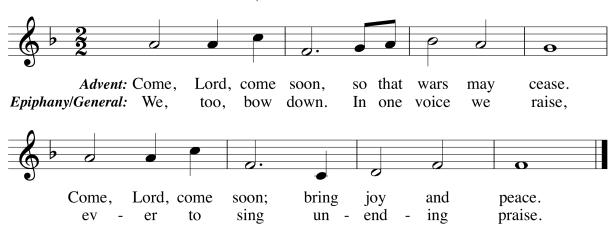
Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

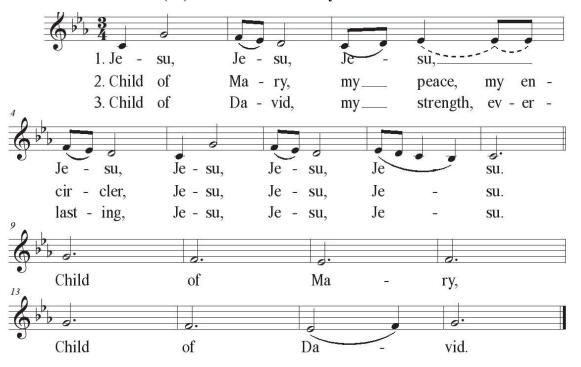
Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ

died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

# Music for Communion: Come Lord, Come Soon



# Music for Communion (#2): Jesus Child of Mary



POST COMMUNION PRAYER
Everyone Gracious God, you have helped your people throughout all generations, now stand with us so that we may go forth from this place, empowered to join with you in the ongoing building of your kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus our Christ. AMEN.
BLESSING
<u>Celebrant</u> May the Wisdom of God lead you.
May God shelter and protect you day and night.
May God stir your inmost thoughts to seek the divine.
May God give you patience to wait for the coming of Jesus.
And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, be upon you this day and remain with you always. <b>AMEN</b> .

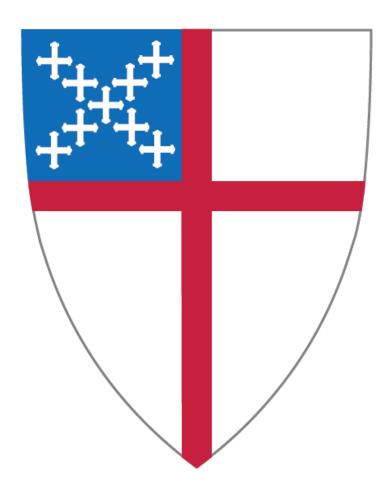
**Choir anthem: Magnificat by Susan Bock** 



# DISMISSAL

Priest: Our worship has now ended. Go forth in peace and with patience to love yourself and your neighbor as we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

People: We will with God's help!



# The Prayers of this Congregation

For all refugees, especially those at our southern border; for the farmers across our country who are struggling; for Bonnie Perry, our Bishop, for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., our retired bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; Stewart Wood, our retired bishop; and our whole diocesan household, including Canterbury MSU in East Lansing, Church of the Great Commission in Dona Lila DR, St. George's in Milford; for Gretchen, our Governor; Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice Presidnt; and all members of Congress.

For Ena Pederson, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Cindy, Thor, Rosy, Liz Moorehouse, Janice Kibler, Jennifer Holland, Nina DiGaetano, Frank & Barbara Davenport, Donna Hanes, Helen Stein, Matthew Bishop, Jennie Berube, Katherine Domienik, Reggie Chrzanowski, Pam Sherry, Karen Blackburn, Ollie Denham, Jasmine Gardner, Allen David Clay, Tom Krell, Darrell Banks, Frankie Dion, Margaret Marchionda, Sue Schlanbusch, Dominique Czupski, Lianne Neumann, Lori Dodge, Michael Thomas, Eric & Leslie Mix, Elliott, Neville Thompson, Bud Denham, Sue Treend, Mike Zubas, Deanna Mejia, Connie Harvey, Jenny Kirby, John Schober, Charlotte Kalligeros, Adele Akasheh, Joan Walsh, Jackie Falconer, James Sikes, Elizabeth Gage, Yvonne Hawkins.

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.
In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office.
Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.

#### **BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK RESUMES**

We have resumed packing for Blessings in a Backpack on Wednesdays at ML King Academy, located at 400 Clinton River Drive in Mt. Clemens. Volunteers should try to arrive by 3:30 PM. It will take 1-1 1/2 hours to pack the bags for the students. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors for your support!

# The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH Currently

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, online 8:30 & 10:30 am. Visit our website for more information. Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 pm (zoom) & Sundays in Advent 9:30 am at Grace

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

Community Suppers:
Wednesdays at 4:00
Sunday Supper Sundays at 4:30, November-March

#### **Food Pantry:**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 am -12 noon, curbside pickup Serving from 250 - 350 people every month

# Blessings in a Backpack:

Wednesdays at 3:30 at ML King Academy

All outreach ministries welcome volunteers, financial donations, or food and clothing donations.

Call the office to learn about helping or giving: 586-465-4573

# **Current Announcements**

# **Warming Center:**

We will be hosting our Warming Center ministry from January 16th - 23rd and are in need of donations. Here are some things that would be helpful:

\$5 GIFT CARDS TUNA PACKS CHICKEN PACKS

FRUIT CUPS POPTARTS PUDDING CUPS

BREAKFAST BARS OATMEAL PACKS CHEESE/PB CRACKERS

There is a wish list on the bulletin board.

#### **Altar Flowers:**

The flowers at the Altar are in memory of Lloyd Racine by Jennifer Holland

Please Sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board

#### **Coffee Hour:**

Sign up sheet located on the bulletin board.

#### **Hearts for Homes:**

Hearts for Homes is collecting items and money for two families that are in need of a good Christmas! Please contact **Christa Carpenter** for details. **(586)-663-6246** 

