

**DIRECTOR OF SANCTUARY MUSIC**

Christopher Leysath

**MUSICIANS**

Dr. Johnnie Felder, tenor

Dan Hardin, guest organist

Kamaria Baxter, violin

Courtney Jackson, violin

Ismail Akbar, cello

Grace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir

The beautiful poinsettias are to the glory of God and in memory or honor of loved ones.

There are copies of the poinsettia list in the Narthex on the table with the Sanctuary flower list.

**Flowers on the Altar for Sunday Dec. 14**

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and are given in honor of our Chancel Choir, Audio-Visual Technicians, and Music Volunteers and Patrons for their tireless dedication to spreading God's love through music.

**Our Sunday Servers for Dec. 14:**

**Acolytes:** Felicity Aho, Audrey Fowley **Crucifer:** Graham Fox **Counters:** Judy Pierce, Terri Billiter

**Our Sunday Greeters:**

**Dec 14:** Todd Holgate, Barbara Meeks **Dec. 21:** Glenda & Scott Buchanan **Dec. 24, 5PM:** Horace Sweat, Cindy Fuller

**Christmas Gifts for Staff Members**

We are incredibly blessed at Grace to have a team of dedicated professionals whose hard work and excellence benefit not only our congregation but also our wider community. Their contributions make a meaningful impact every day.

To show our appreciation, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) invites the congregation to recognize their efforts with a monetary gift this Christmas season.

Donations for the staff Christmas gift can be made through any of our usual giving channels. Please designate your contribution as "Staff Christmas Gift." Additionally, donations will be collected after worship services on December 14th and 21st.

Thank you for your generosity in celebrating and supporting our outstanding staff.

Warm regards,  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

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**HOLIDAY EVENTS**  
**Christmas at the Campfire**  
Dec. 18 @ 6:30PM (at The WAY, 417 Randall Rd.)  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
Dec. 24 @ 2PM LifeSong Contemporary (Wesley Center)  
and 5PM Traditional (Sanctuary)  
**Single Worship Service**  
Dec. 28 @ 11AM (Sanctuary)

  
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**CHRISTMAS**  
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Led by Pastor Ashley  
Hosted by Seekers Class

*Sunday, December 21st*

*10:25AM in Lower Wesley Center Lobby*

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*"To Know Christ and to Make His Love Known"*



**A CHRISTMAS**  
**FESTIVAL**  
**OF**  
*Lessons & Carols*



**December 14, 11:00 am**

  
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Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson		The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9		“The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God’s creation.”		Reader: Sean Fowley	
Voluntary		Pastorale from Oratorio de Noel C. Saint-Saens							
*Chiming of the Hour				The Fourth Carol		Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming arr. Howard Helvey		Chancel Choir	
*Processional Hymn		Once in Royal David’s City		UMH 250				Rev. Ashley Buchanan	
Soloist: David Rose		1. Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed; Mary, loving mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.				“In Dulci Jubilo” BWV 608 - J. S. Bach (Children will be dismissed to go to BLAST and BLAST, Jr. afterwards.)		Dan Hardin, organ	
Congregation: (Verses 2-4)		2. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall. With the poor, the scorned, the lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.				(Sung to the tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.			
		3. Jesus is our childhood’s pattern; day by day like us he grew; He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew; And he feel-eth for our sadness, and he shar-eth in our gladness.						Reader: Lauren Lusk	
		4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.							
Bidding Prayer				Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson					
Third Sunday of Advent- Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy				BOW #263					
Isaiah 35:10				Sean & Audrey Fowley					
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.									
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.									
The First Lesson				Reader: Rev. Patrick Taylor					
Genesis 3:8-15		“God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve’s punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent’s head.”							
The First Carol		Creator of the Stars of Night John Scott		Chancel Choir					
The Second Lesson				Reader: Till Alexander					
Genesis 22:15-18		“God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.”							
The Second Carol		Comfort Ye, My People & Every Valley Shall Be Exalted From Messiah, G. F. Handel		Dr. Johnnie Felder, tenor					
The Third Lesson				Reader: Rev. Patrick Taylor					
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7		“The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.”							
The Third Carol		People, Look East! arr. John Leavitt		Chancel Choir					

The Fourth Lesson		Isaiah 11:1-9		“The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God’s creation.”		Reader: Sean Fowley	
The Fourth Carol		Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming		arr. Howard Helvey		Chancel Choir	
Offertory Prayer						Rev. Ashley Buchanan	
Offertory		“In Dulci Jubilo” BWV 608 - J. S. Bach		(Children will be dismissed to go to BLAST and BLAST, Jr. afterwards.)		Dan Hardin, organ	
*Advent Doxology		(Sung to the tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel)		Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.			
The Fifth Lesson		Luke 1:26-35, 38		“The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God’s promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.”		Reader: Lauren Lusk	
The Fifth Carol		Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly		Palmer & Melo		Chancel Choir	
The Sixth Lesson		Luke 2:1-7		“Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born”		Reader: Catherine Newman	
The Sixth Carol		Infant Holy, Infant Lowly				UMH 229	
The Seventh Lesson		Luke 2:8-20		“The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world and find him lying in a manger”		Reader: Kinder Alexander	
The Seventh Carol		Angels We Have Heard on High		arr. K. Lee Scott		UMH 238 (v. 1, 2 & 4)	
The Eighth Lesson		Matthew 2:1-11		“The Wise Men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews”		Reader: Rev. Ashley Buchanan	
The Eighth Carol		Sister Mary Had-a But One Chile		arr. James Dargan		Dr. Johnnie Felder, Tenor	
The Ninth Lesson		John 1:1-14		“John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation”		Reader: Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson	
The Ninth Carol		Hark! The Herald Angels Sing		arr. K. Lee Scott		UMH 240	
*Closing Prayer and Dismissal						Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson	
*Choral Benediction		O Come, All Ye Faithful		Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv’n. Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord		UMH 234 (v.6)	