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Grace has an after hours "On-Call" number for our Grace Pastoral Staff. Anyone with a pastoral care crisis can call this number and get a pastor. The number is (803) 376-9310.


WEEK AT A GLANCE AT GRACE

SUN., Dec. 7 <u>Worship Services:</u> 8:30 & 11:00, Traditional, Sanctuary 8:45, Contemporary Wesley Center	8:45am - Kids BLAST & BLAST, Jr, Asbury Bldg., Children's Wing 9:45am - Sunday School for all ages, Church Campus 11:00am - Kids BLAST & BLAST, Jr, Asbury Bldg., Children's Wing 2:00pm - RTB Costume Fitting, Wesley Center 3:00pm - North Augusta Christmas Parade
MON., Dec. 8	8:30am - CDC (Mon—Fri), Child Dev. Center Wing 8:30am - CDC Program Practice, Sanctuary 9:15am - Jazzercise (M, W, F, Sa); 6:15pm (Tu, Th) Curly's Court Gym 11:00am - Wisdom of the Ages, Conference room 6:30pm - Grace Happy Ukes, Conference room
TUES., Dec. 9	8:30am - CDC Program Practice, Sanctuary 9:30am - 12:30pm Pickleball, (T, Th) Curly's Court gym 1:00pm - Shuffle & Deal Small Group, Youth Wing 6:00pm - Praise Band Rehearsal, Wesley Center (moved up for RTB)
WED., Dec. 10  Return to Bethlehem Wed. Dec. 10—Sat. 13 Graphic front cover	8:30am - Wednesday Morning Breakfast Crew, Sunrise Grill 10:00am - Upper Room Encouragers, Journey SS class 10:00am - Men's Upper Room Fellowship, Conference room 12:30pm - Prime Time Bridge, Church Parlor 6:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, at North Augusta High School
THURS., Dec. 11	8:30am - CDC Program Practice, Sanctuary 6:00pm - Caring & Sharing Small Group, Lower level Wesley Center
FRI., Dec. 12	8:30am - CDC Program Practice, Sanctuary



**Flowers on the Altar for Dec. 7**

The beautiful poinsettia flowers on the altar are to the glory of God.  
Merry Christmas from the Seekers Sunday school class.





**HOLIDAY EVENTS**

**Surviving the Holidays**  
Dec. 4 @ 6:30PM (at The WAY, 417 Randall Rd.)

**Lessons and Carols**  
Dec. 14 @ 11AM (Sanctuary)

**Christmas at the Campfire**  
Dec. 18 @ 6:30PM (at The WAY, 417 Randall Rd.)

**Christmas Eve Services**  
Dec. 24 @ 2PM (Wesley Center)  
and 5PM (Sanctuary)

**Single Worship Service**  
Dec. 28 @ 11AM (Sanctuary)


Disclaimer: Please be advised we video / photograph our services.

Living Our Vows

We promise to uphold Grace with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

<u>OUR PRAYERS:</u>	as of December 5, 2025
Sympathy to:	Peggy Lewis in the death of her sister, Debbie Reece Mills, who passed to eternal life on Nov. 26.
Discharged:	Philip Grabowskii, Bob Young, Bobby Oliver, Mark Reagan, Dave Fauerby
Hospice:	Billy Watson, Henry Cribb
Hammond Square:	Ginny Stewart, Judy Cox
NHC NA:	Don Smith, Jean Gambill, Billy Watson, James (Jim) Brooks, uncle of Chris Brooks
Claiborne, Martinez:	Hope Williams
Oaks at Habersham, Savannah:	Connie Sawyer
Sterling Estates, Marietta:	CJ Bigger
Washington Commons:	Cynthia Gordon
Prayer Needs:	Jim Benton, Philip Grabowskii, Damon Haley, Shirley Lankford, Bill Anderson, Bev Whitney, Emily Mumford, Deb & Rob Persons, Bobby Oliver, Beth Ann Young, Diane Banta, Jane Murdock, Faye Jowers, Pam Windley, Marianna Simmons, Dave Varn, Barbara Graybill, Barbara Wallenzine, sister-in-law of Angie Walton, Wendy Ealey, daughter-in-law of Lynn Ealey, Angela Ramsey, sister of Fifi Rogers

Inside bulletin for our presence, our service and our witness info. Sanctuary flowers to left.




**Help Us "Ketchup"**


Help us 'ketchup' by the end of the year. Our year-to-date financials through the end of November are as follows:

**Revenues:** \$1,093,232.52  
**Expenses:** \$1,193,224.48  
**Deficit:** <\$99,991.96>

The Finance Committee thanks you for your generosity and support this year, but we still have a long way to go to end the year without a deficit. The budget committee is meeting to identify areas for cost reductions for 2026. Please consider a Christmas gift to Grace UMC, to help our church fulfill its mission, "To Know Christ and Make His Love Known."

Our stewardship campaign is wrapping up. We have 139 pledges for a total of \$868,452. If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, scan QR code to pledge. Thanks!





*Hanging of the Greens*

So much thanks from me to all of you and all the other helpers who were in the sanctuary all afternoon and into the evening to make our house of worship absolutely stunning!!!! There was no lack of patience, support, positivity, and love amongst all who were there.

Both decades long members and brand new members got together and made a very involved mission a fun one. This is what church family is. This is what Grace means to me. We may all be a bit sore today, and some of us may have sap in their hair, but what we have more than all that is happy, warm memories that will last longer than the rest we all needed and a bit more insight into each other than we had before the tree showed up. To say my heart and my spirit are full is an understatement.

Heather Vaught, Co-Chair, Sanctuary Worship Committee

December 7, 2025

For You  
are my hope,  
O Lord God

Psalms 71:5



Hope

"Glory to God in  
the highest, And  
on earth peace,  
goodwill  
toward men!"

Luke 1:14



Peace

And the Word became  
flesh and dwelt among  
us, and we beheld  
His glory

John 1:14



Christ

And you will have  
joy and gladness,  
and many will  
rejoice at his birth.

Luke 1:14



Joy

For God so loved  
the world that  
He gave His only  
begotten Son

John 3:16



Love

"The Second Sunday of Advent"

# Celebrating Worship



Grace  
United Methodist Church

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.




**RETURN TO BETHLEHEM**

AN IMMERSIVE NATIVITY EXPERIENCE

**DECEMBER 10-13, 2023**

ADA DRIVE-THRU... 6-6:30 PM  
GUIDED TOURS... 6:30-8:30 PM

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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RTB  
Costume Fitting  
DEC. 7  
2-4PM

"To Know Christ and To Make His Love Known"



8:30 a.m. Traditional, Sanctuary		
THE CHURCH GATHERS		
Prelude		Barbara Seaborn, piano
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson
♦ Passing of the Peace		Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson
Leader:	The peace of the Lord be with you.	
People:	And also with you.	
Call to Worship		Rev. Patrick Taylor
Leader:	Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!	
People:	For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.	
Leader:	Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,	
People:	and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.	
	(BOW #242, Zechariah 2:10-11b)	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath, “Candle of Peace”		Rev. Patrick Taylor
(Please see 11:00 Lighting of Advent Candle reading)		BOW #262
Opening Prayer (in unison)		UMH #12
		Rev. Patrick Taylor
♦ Hymn of Praise	O Come, O come, Emmanuel	UMH 211 (v. 1-3)
TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD		
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-10 (Pew Bible OT p. 496)	Rev. Patrick Taylor
♦ Hymn of Preparation	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear	UMH 218 (v. 1-2)
Gospel Lesson	Luke: 2:8-15 (Pew Bible NT p. 44)	Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson
Sermon	“For All the People”	Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Patrick Taylor
TO RESPOND IN FAITH		
Offering		Rev. Patrick Taylor
Offertory		Barbara Seaborn
♦ Doxology	Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow	UMH 95
Sacrament of Holy Communion		UMH #13
		Rev. Patrick Taylor
TO GO FORTH IN SERVICE		
♦ Hymn of Commitment	What Child is This	UMH 219
♦ Benediction		Rev. Patrick Taylor
♦ Please stand as you are able		
Accompanist: Barbara Seaborn, piano		
Reference key: BOW-Book of Worship TFWS-The Faith We Sing UMH-United Methodist Hymnal		

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome & AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

VoluntaryOn Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry by Michael D. Costello  
Christopher Leysath, organ

♦ Chiming of the Trinity (Please stand when chiming begins)

♦ Call to WorshipRev. Ashley Buchanan  
Leader: Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!  
People: For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.  
Leader: Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,  
People: and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.  
(BOW #242, Zechariah 2:10-11b)

♦ Processional HymnO Come, O come, EmmanuelUMH 211 (v. 1, 2 & 4)

♦ Passing of the PeaceRev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson  
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, “Candle of Peace”Kerry Adragna  
Isaiah 9:6-7 NRSV  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
And he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Great will be his authority,  
And there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of host will do this.

Reading  
We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace.  
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God,  
Make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel.  
(BOW #262)

Opening Prayer (in unison)UMH #12  
Rev. Ashley Buchanan

Children’s TimeYolanda McCabe  
(Children may come forward if comfortable, then they will be dismissed to go to BLAST/BLAST Jr.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament LessonIsaiah 11:1-10Rev. Patrick Taylor  
(Pew Bible OT p. 496)

Pastoral PrayerRev. Patrick Taylor

AnthemPeople, Look East! by John LeavittChancel Choir

♦ Gospel LessonLuke: 2:8-15Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson  
(Pew Bible NT p. 44)

Sermon“For All the People”Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Rev. Ashley Buchanan

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on "Houston" - Rebecca Te Velde

Christopher Leysath, organ

♦ Advent Doxology

(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!

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH #13

Communion Servers:

Rev. Cathy, Rev. Ashley, Rev. Patrick, Christy Jones

Communion Hymns:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221

TO GO FORTH IN SERVICE

♦ Hymn of Commitment

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

UMH 218

♦ Benediction

Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson

Choral Benediction

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Verse 3

He shall come down like showers

upon the fruitful earth;

love, joy, and hope, like flowers,

spring in his path to birth.

Before him on the mountains,

shall peace, the herald, go,

and righteousness, in fountains,

from hill to valley flow.

♦ Please stand as you are able

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OUR PRESENCE:

November 30, 2025

Worship at Grace:

8:30: 14    8:45: 94    11:00: 158

OUR SERVICE:

December 6, 2025

Crucifer:

TBD

Acolytes:

TBD

Count Team:

Mary Jo Newman, Dawn Porter

Sunday Greeters (11:00):

Dec. 7:

Horace Sweat, Cindy Fuller

Dec. 14:

Todd Holgate, Barbara Meeks

Dec. 21:

Glenda & Scott Buchanan

OUR WITNESS:

How will you be a witness in the world this week?

WELCOME TO GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We are blessed by your presence today and encourage you to please sign the attendance pad.

We invite you to all activities, which you may find on our website and Facebook. We offer new member classes for those interested in learning more about Christian faith, baptism, and becoming a part of our faith community. Go to <https://gotgraceumc.org/im-new> or scan the QR code.

Need help today, text Visitor to 833-235-9706.

For questions about joining our church, please contact Rev. Dr. Cathy Jamieson at [cjamieson@gotgraceumc.org](mailto:cjamieson@gotgraceumc.org), (803) 279-7525, ext. 203.

Do you have children?

\* A nursery for infants through 3-year-olds is in the Child Development Center, Asbury Building.

\* A mother's room is available inside the Wesley Center, across from the parlor and inside the Sanctuary Bride's room/Mother's room off the main Narthex/foyer.

\* BLAST and BLAST Jr. classes are in the Asbury Building, Children's Wing, 1st and 2nd Grade SS classrooms.