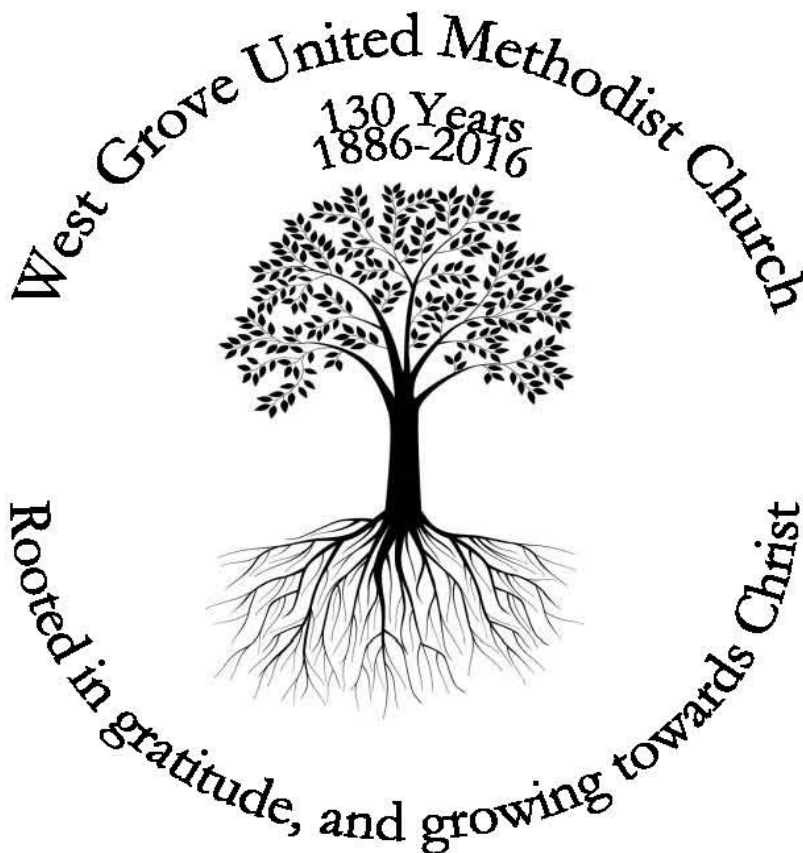




## **West Grove United Methodist Church**

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor  
300 North Guernsey Road  
West Grove, PA 19390



**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Stewardship II Sunday**  
***October 23, 2016***

# 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

## OPEN

### Prelude

### Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

*Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.  
First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!*

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive) (based on Jeremiah 31 and Luke 18) Janis Schrader

One: No matter how far you feel from God, do not lose heart.

**Many: The days are coming, says the Lord.**

One: No matter how many obstacles seem to be before, do not lose heart.

**Many: The days are coming, says the Lord.**

One: No matter how long the arc to justice feels, do not lose heart.

**Many: The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will restore my people,  
equip them for every good work, and grant justice. I will stand by my people,  
says the Lord.**

### \*Processional Hymn

“Stand By Me”

UMH No. 512

### \*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Janis Schrader

**Suffering God, you walk each road with us.**

**You never leave us alone.**

**May we reach out to you in each trial,  
not to blame you, but to seek your strength and guidance.**

**May we imitate the way of your son, Jesus.**

**In his name, we pray, Amen.**

### \*Passing of the peace

Janis Schrader

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

## GROW

### Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

### New Testament Lesson

*1 Thessalonians 5:12-28*

Janis Schrader

### \*Gospel Lesson

*Luke 18:9-14*

Janis Schrader

### \*Response to the Lessons

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Anthem

“Blessings”

Chancel Choir

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## Sermon

"Grateful for Trials"

Pastor Monica

## SERVE

### Hymn of Response

"Something Beautiful"

UMH No. 394

### Moment of History

*Rooted in Gratitude, Growing in Christ*

Pastor Monica

## Offering

**\*Offertory Response** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

### \*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Monica

**Holy God, we rejoice in your goodness. There is no one like you! You have restored us to right relationship with you. You send your Spirit and abundant blessings in our lives. It is an honor to contribute to the wonders that you are doing through the mission of this church. In gratitude, we return a portion of your bounty to us. May you uplift people in our community and the world through the presence of Christ, your Son. Amen.**

## Gathered Prayers

Pastor Monica

## The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Monica

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth** "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

UMH No. 714

## \*Benediction

Pastor Monica

## Choral Benediction

"May the Lord God Guide Us in Love"

Chancel Choir

## \*Postlude

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## **New Testament Lesson:** *1 Thessalonians 5:12-28*

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Beloved, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## **Gospel Lesson:** *Luke 18:9-14*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

## **Christmas Music Celebration**

**Sunday, December 4**

**6:30 p.m.**



*Sounds  
of The  
Season*

Christmas brings out the best music in all of us! We welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Handbell Choir, PraiseWorks Band, special musical numbers and, of course, a carol sing-along. If you play an instrument or would like to participate in this musical celebration, please contact Betsy Smith, Choir and PraiseBand Director, to let her know of your interest by Sunday, November 6. She can be reached by phone at 610-869-3941 or email her at [musicmomva@aol.com](mailto:musicmomva@aol.com)

# OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

*At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.*

Welcome to this gathering of God's people worshipping and praising God! May we continue to be moved by the Spirit to live as the body of Christ. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** - we are prayerfully discerning the resurrection of Mission Possible as a 5th and 6th grade Sunday School Class. We are in need of volunteers! Are you wondering where God can use you? Is your heart in the ministry of children? Are you willing to commit two or more Sundays a month to foster the spiritual growth of our Tweens? We are looking for helpers, and unless you feel led to lead the class at times, presence and guidance are the only requirements. Our hope is to enhance their Worship experience and Bible knowledge, and offer opportunities to be in Mission and, of course, plan some fun activities! Are you interested? If you have any questions, or would like more information before making a commitment, please talk with Cindy Haley or Pastor Monica.

**PARENTING SEMINAR at Willowdale Chapel** : 675 Unionville Rd, Kennett Square, PA 19348 on **Sunday, October 23** called "Raising Resilient Kids". Their special guest speaker is Dr. Todd Cartmell, a child psychologist, speaker, and author. For more information, please call the chapel at 610-444-2670.

**ALL YOUTH BOWLING AT TIMBER LANES. October 23** – Sign up with Jamie by October 20th to save a lane. \$15 for 2 hours of bowling. **5:30 – 7:30**. Meet at Timber Lanes in Oxford.

**R.O.M.E.O.- Retired Older Men Eating Out : Thursday, October 27.** If you are retired, then we would like to see you at our ROMEO lunch. We get together to eat at Perkins in Avondale on Rt. 41 on the last Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m.. Call Roger Bates, at 610-869-7638, if you have any questions or if you are newly retired. Bring your retired friends.

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: November 6th at our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Services.** One of the oldest traditions of the church is the remembrance of those who have died during the last year. All Saints' Day is celebrated annually on November 1st. For many years, this beloved tradition has been very important to our congregation. We remember beloved members of the church, special loved ones of our families, and those for whom we have performed funeral and memorial services. Our remembrance includes pictures, the tolling of the bell, and the lighting of the candles. You may be remembering a loved one this year. We want to give thanks to God for their life in our two services when we celebrate All Saints' Day on November 6th. **By October 30th, please be sure the church office has the full name and a picture of your loved one, their date of birth and date of death.** It is our privilege to remember those who moved onto the church triumphant, even as we hold the tenderness of loss.

## Dear Friend

Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **West Grove United Methodist Church** when you shop at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)).



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## Be a Good Steward

Various committees are writing the church budget for the coming year. They're placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

**Report October 16, 2016**

**General Offering: \$8,623.<sup>40</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$3,240.<sup>00</sup>**

**Combined Worship Attendance: 209**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 106 Bags**

***It is your tithes, offerings,  
and gifts that impact  
and change lives for Christ!***

## Moment of History

From 11 people meeting in a private residence to the ground breaking a church on Prospect Avenue, West Grove Church has been in the community for 130 years. We celebrate our roots in the community and how we continue to grow in Christ.



# Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, October 30th  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**West Grove UMC invites you to a festive,  
FREE, family event!!**

You are invited to join us in this fun-filled, safe way for children ages infant through 4th grade to experience the joy of trick or treating. We will have cars, vans, and trucks lined up in our parking lot with fun, themed decorations and candy for your costumed children.

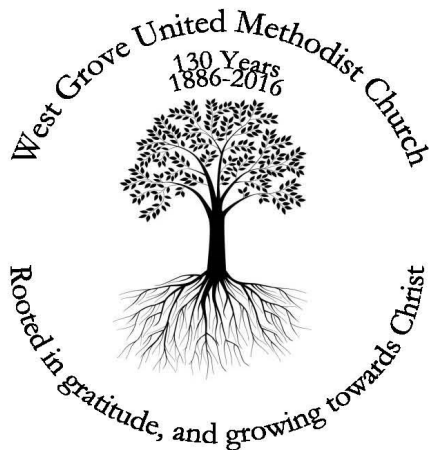
Invite your friends and family, and get ready for games, crafts, a story, a hay-ride, music, snacks and of course trunks with candy!!!

**All activities are FREE.** West Grove United Methodist Church is located at 300 North Guernsey Road, West Grove, PA 19390. We'll move the trick or treating inside if it rains, so whether it rains or shines, we will be celebrating together! For more information, call

610-869-9334 or visit [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

We hope to see you there!





## This is the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of West Grove United Methodist Church!

This fall, we will be retelling the story of 130 years in our community and looking forward to hundreds of more years serving our community.

Please save the date, **NOVEMBER 13TH**, for our **CELEBRATION OF 130 YEARS IN MINISTRY:**

**Rooted in gratitude, and growing towards Christ.**

Look for ways that you can celebrate how we have already served the community and look

### Help Our Troop Help Others! Buy an Annie the Owl!

Boy Scout Troop 12 will be selling Annie the Owl. **For a \$20.00 donation**, a plush owl will be purchased in your name and will be donated to a sick child. Our boys of Troop 12 will receive a percentage of the profit on all the sales. Once the sale is over the boys personally deliver the plush owls to children in local hospitals. If you want to purchase one for yourself, a child, grandchild, niece or nephew our boys will still get a profit and you will own an adorable plush owl. Last year we donated 100 plush animals to A.I DuPont! We want to beat our number from last year! Please support our Troop as we give to others.

**Sales are going on the whole month of October. You can also order one by emailing [Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net](mailto:Lyaletchko@zoominternet.net) or Calling Lisa at 610-932-4984**



### WGUMC's Annual Trunk or Treat Event! Sunday, October 30th from 3-5 P.M.

This eagerly awaited event is an awesome outreach to the children of our community. It's a fun, safe way for children to experience the joy of trick or treating. We line up cars in part of our parking lot, and children go trunk-to-trunk collecting candy. We'll also have games, crafts, refreshments, and a hay ride. Invite a friend or neighbor to join in on the fun!

We need lots of trunks this year! All you need to do is decorate the trunk of your car and hand out candy as the children come around. You can dress in costume if you like! You may decorate with any theme you like, as long as it has nothing scary; remember this is a fun and safe Christian event. There are tons of ideas on the internet!

**We will post sign-up sheets in the lobby as we will need lots of volunteers to help out, and you can place candy donations in the bins.**



## THIS WEEK: October 16 through October 23, 2016

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

**Sunday:**

### **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP II SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.

Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

*Pastor Jim is preaching at New London UMC and Avondale UMC this morning.*

**Monday:**

**Pastor Monica is on vacation today.**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Knit Wits (#1)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

SOS Ladies (#5)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Jr. Girl Scout Troop #453 (#12)

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)

**Tuesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Brownie Troop 498 (#8, 10)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8, 10)

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Finance Meeting (#1)

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Yoga (Sanc.)

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Ad Council (#1)

**Wednesday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (#8 & 10)

**Thursday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)

6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Jr. Girl Scout Troop #4317 (#12)

6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal (#6)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #12 (#9, 11, 12, 13)

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Committee Troop meeting (#1)

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

PraiseWorks Rehearsal

**Friday:**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CMO Preschool Classes (#11, 13, 14, 15, 16)

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)

**Saturday:**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Daily Reflections Group (Sanc.)

**Sunday:**

### **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP III SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band

9:45 a.m.

Faith Learning Academy: Sunday School for all ages

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir

**3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Trunk or Treat (All church)**

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler at the church office: office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.** After office hours and on week-ends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna.** Thank you.

**Community Prayer Focus October: Youth Ministries**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in October: Mission Central**

Wayne Achuff  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Joe Bonano (Hughes)  
 Kylee Brown (Wiwel)  
 Fran Bryan  
 Dee Crawford  
 Bill Davis (Mullen)  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Brian Fitzharris (Hampton)  
 Jack Fitzharris (Hampton)  
 Richard Heacock  
 Jimmy Hunt (Kr. Boyd)  
 Muff Hurst  
 Sue Hutton  
 Lynn Jackson  
 Bill Lilley  
 Rosemary MacCoun  
 Dave McClain



Margee Michaels  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Bill Mowery (Shiplet)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 Warren Payton (Hruz)  
 James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Garrett Rogers (Lindtner)  
 Roann Schneider  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Raymond Thompson (Adams)  
 Danny Tiderman (Hughes)  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Ron and Marliss Wilson  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)



Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
 Allan Frost - S. Carolina (Frost)  
 Brian Kubo - Maryland (Mullen)  
 LTC Eric Maxwell,  
 Chesapeake, VA  
 (The Rambergers)  
 Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC  
 Jimmy Strawhecker - Kuwait  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)  
 Tyler Thompson—Kandahar,  
 Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)  
 Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan  
 Chris Weizman - Jordan (Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### **This Sunday, October 23**

**Ushers—8:30** The Howard Family  
**Greeters—8:30** The Simmonds Family  
**Ushers—11:00** Tom and Charlotte Adams  
**Greeters—11:00** **OPEN**  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** Anna Castaldi / Madeline Jones  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** J. Lindtner/H. McCummings/J. Leaman  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Amy Simonds / **Open**  
**SS Roamers** Fran Miller  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Joan Leaman  
**Liturgist—11:00** Janis Schader  
**Moment All Ages** Pastor Monica  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** The Chalmers / Linda Peirson  
**Counters** Margee Michaels & Scott Steele  
**Sound Booth** Various/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, October 30**

Mike and Dawn Chalmers  
 The Boyd Family  
 Tom and Charlotte Adams  
**OPEN**  
 Wesley Boyd / Matt Reinehimer  
 R. Catoia/E. Mullen/J. Williamson  
 M. Covington / **Open**  
 Joan Leaman  
 Rain Catoia  
 Dave Talley  
 Eileen Bushnell  
 The Gambills / Don Hurst  
 Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
 Various/K. Schneider

# Meditations For Your Week

**Sunday, October 23~ Saturday, October 29**



**Sunday:** *"He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.'" Luke 18: 9-10. Jesus told parables to teach about ways to follow God's way. Where are you following the teachings of Jesus even when they are opposed to how others live?*

**Monday:** *"The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'" Luke 18: 11-12. The Pharisee understood himself to be following God's way. Prayerfully ask God to uncover where you think you are following God's way and missing the mark.*

**Tuesday:** *"But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'" Luke 18: 13. We do not know the specific circumstances of the tax collector. What we know is that he depended on God in challenges. Where are you depending on God?*

**Wednesday:** *"I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'" Luke 18: 14. Prayerfully ask God to show you how you might be more humble.*

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**Friday:** *"And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all." 1 Thessalonians 5: 14-15. All people are encountering trials, where are you offering grace?*

**Saturday:** *"May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this." 1 Thessalonians 5: 22-23. Prayerfully ask God to sanctify you, urge you towards perfection in following Jesus.*

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

**\*Opening Song** “Come, Now Is The Time To Worship” PraiseWorks Band

**Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica

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**\*Celebration Set** “Exalted” PraiseWorks Band  
“Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord”

**\*Passing of the Peace**

## GROW

**Moment For All Ages** Pastor Monica

**New Testament Lesson** *1 Thessalonians 5:12-28* Joan Leaman

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**Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**The Lord's Prayer** Pastor Shirley

**\*Closing Song** “Love Never Gonna Let Me Go” PraiseWorks Band

**\*Benediction** Pastor Monica

**\*Postlude**

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