



West Grove United Methodist Church

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



***First Sunday in Advent
Communion Sunday
Emergency Aid Sunday
Sunday, December 3, 2017***

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)

Mary Franciscus

One: Wake up, the world is changing!

Many: Look around! God's ways are breaking through.

One: Have hope! God has not given up. Rather, God is doing a new thing!

Many: When waiting on God feels long, we remember that we join generations who turn to God and look for the long-expected Messiah, Jesus.

*Proclamation Hymn

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

UMH 196

*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Mary Franciscus

Coming Christ, quiet us to hear your voice in the midst of frenzied lives. Let us see the beauty and purpose in generations. May genealogy shine your way and be lived out in the lives of ordinary people. May we be still enough in this harried time to see where your way is being revealed in our lives. During this Advent, may we wait with anticipation for the coming of Christ incarnate and transcendent. We pray in the name of the Christ, Amen.

*Passing of the peace

Mary Franciscus

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Advent Wreath Lighting

Moment for All Ages

Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 7:12-17

Mary Franciscus

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1:1-18

Mary Franciscus

*Response to the Lessons

Mary Franciscus

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

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"African Advent Carol"

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

Sermon

“Matthew: Writer and Genealogist”

Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

UMH 211, Vv. 1, 4, 5

Moment of Impact

Live Nativity

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 Jim

Magnificent God, you created the universe, and your wisdom shines through the laws of nature that we discern. In the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, you worked a miracle to bring salvation. Through your awesome deeds, you light an inextinguishable hope in our hearts. Help our congregation to work together in new ways to tell others your amazing good news. May our tithes and offerings support your work through our outreach ministries. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*Invitation

Pastor Jim

Prayer of Confession (Written by John W. Riggs)

Pastor Jim

We confess, O God that we do not take seriously you coming into our lives. We do not believe that salvation is near; we do not act uprightly, loving you, our neighbors, or ourselves; not do we bend our swords and spears. Forgive us, we pray, that we might once again walk in your light, choosing for the world of our Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Jim

The Great Thanksgiving (Written by Reverend Michael Johnson)

*All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten free and nut free so that all may receive together.
Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Monica

Communion Hymn

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

UMH 206

Prayer After Receiving (Unison)

Pastor Jim

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that in the strength of your Spirit we may give ourselves for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending Forth

“Soon and Very Soon”

UMH 706

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction

“Advent Benediction”

Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:12-17

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:1-18

An account of the genealogy[a] of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

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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.

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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.

**EMERGENCY AID FUND:** Our emergency aid fund serves those in our congregation and community in need. We support families and individuals with one time help for housing, utility, gas, and other needs as appropriate. The basket as you approach the Communion table is a second mile offering for us to serve others in these ways.

**EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY:** Our food supply is in need of replenishment. If you would like to donate to the pantry, the following are items are in high demand, as they are not covered by food stamps: **Laundry soap, body soap/wash, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, house cleaning products, shampoo and conditioner.** Also needed are some staple items: **tea bags, juice boxes, coffee, juice, canned fruit, applesauce cups, jelly, cereals, snacks for kids, canned meats and stews, baked beans, ramen noodle soup packages, ketchup, and mayo.** Of course, any donation is a blessing to those in need.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Jim Mundell will be teaching a four week Bible study that will include the events surrounding the birth of Jesus. Join him on **Fridays: December 8, 15, and 22nd at Jenner's Pond in the Alison Theater from 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**

**JENNER'S POND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** **Tuesday, December 5th at 7:15 p.m.** The Jenner's Pond Chorus will be presenting the program to open up the Christmas season. Come out and help us sing the carols and listen as our Chorus sings seasonal songs.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS EVENT:** **Tuesday, December 5th, 6:30 –8:00 p.m. in Room #3.** The holiday season can be a difficult time for many. Please join The Prayer Ministry Team as they explore and discuss tools for surviving the holidays. A donation of \$6 (to cover cost of the book), would be graciously accepted. **Open to the community. Refreshments to follow.**

**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** As we prepare for Christmas, some of us might not feel the joy of the season. Anyone who feels that the holly and jolly of the season is not where they find their hearts, is welcome to join us for our Blue Christmas Service on **Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

**COAT AND BLANKET COLLECTION THROUGH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH:** we will collect new and gently used coats and blankets to share warmth with those who do not have it. All sizes are welcome: Men, Women and Children. There will be a rack in the lobby and bins for the blankets.

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| <b>~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sunday:</b>                                                              | <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b><br><b>Communion Sunday, Emergency Aid Sunday</b><br>8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band<br>9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy<br>11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship w/Chancel Choir<br><b>6:30 p.m. Annual Christmas Music Celebration</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Monday:</b>                                                              | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Pre-school (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)<br>9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)<br>6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. SOS Ladies (#5)<br>6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)<br>7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Tech Team Meeting (#1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>                                                             | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Pre-school (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)<br>9:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. CMO Chapel Time (Sanc.)<br>10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Family Literacy Program (#1)<br>1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Bi-Monthly Staff Mtg. (#1)<br>4:45 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Girl Scouts #447 (#8 & 10)<br>6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. GS Troop #498 (#12)<br>6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. GS Troop #41377 (#8 & 10)<br><b>6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Surviving the Holidays Event (#3)</b><br>7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (#1) |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>                                                           | 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Jenner's Pond Christmas Program (Alison Theatre)<br>8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Ministerium (Kitch., Sanc., Lobby)<br>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Pre-school (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)<br>9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Music Program (Sanc.)<br>2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)<br><b>6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Advent Wednesdays (Sanc., Kitch., Lobby)</b><br>7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8 & 10)                                  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>                                                            | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Pre-school (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)<br>5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Jr. Troop #4567 (#8 & 10)<br>6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop #461 (#11)<br>6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (#6)<br>7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)<br>7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. PraiseWorks Band Rehearsal (Sanc.)                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Friday:</b>                                                              | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CMO Pre-school (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)<br>10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Advent Study (Jenner's Pond-Alison Theatre)<br>12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. RAP (Sanc., Kitch., Lobby)<br>7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Youth Dodgeball (#8 & 10, Sanc., Kitch., Lobby)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Saturday:</b>                                                            | <b>9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. J.U.L.I.E.T.-Sunrise Café, Kennett Square</b><br>10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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**God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship**  
**Report November 26, 2017**  
**General Offering: \$8,380.65**  
**Building Maintenance Fund: \$435.00**  
**Combined Worship Attendance:**  
**Emergency Groceries YTD: 155 bags**  
**Anniversary Giving YTD: \$9,062.95**  
**Prayer Bead Garden**  
**Donations: \$0.00**  
**Total amount received: \$7,961.00**  
**Goal \$13,000**  
*It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts that impact and change lives for Christ!*

## Moment of Impact

### Live Nativity

*Our Live Nativity is seen from Route One and by many who come by. It is a an opportunity to share the Gospel and for people to see a living representation of the birth of Christ. Join us as an actor. Join us to bring cookies. Join us to share the living word of God. Join us to invite a neighbor or friend to experience the Live Nativity.*

# 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 weekends, 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: Advent Activities & Services Mission Prayer Focus in: UMCOR

Tom Adams  
Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
Greg Bratton (Bratton)  
Fran Bryan  
Family of George Byrne (Yarbrough)  
Joann Coates  
Dee Crawford  
Nina Dickinson (B. Ranieri)  
Tom Fagan  
Ed Farrell (Babcock)  
Laura Featherston  
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
Joann Frost  
Muff Hurst  
Peg Kent  
William Kirwin  
Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
Susan Lacy (Mullen)  
Rosemary MacCoun



Dave McClain  
Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
Peggy Mowrer  
Tim Mullen  
Pastor Jim Mundell  
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)  
Nancy Pearo (Heist)  
Willy Raiford (Babcock)  
Rick Renzulli (McGinley)  
Roann Schneider  
Mary Small (Kapp-Benner)  
Rick Spencer (K. Smith)  
Stephen Spitko (Howard)  
Jeannie Sullivan  
Maureen Stickel (Fackler)  
Eric Stover (Kreutzfeldt)  
Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)  
Ron and Marliss Wilson



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)  
Tom Fagan - USA (Whelan)  
Brian Kubo - Qatar (Mullen)  
LTC Eric Maxwell,  
Chesapeake, VA  
(The Rambergers)  
Jimmy Strawhecker - NJ  
(Lynne Strawhecker)  
Chris Weidman - Japan (Miller)  
Ed Tolmie

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### This Sunday, December 3rd

**Ushers—8:30**  
**Greeters—8:30**  
**Ushers—11:00**  
**Greeters—11:00**  
**Acolyte 8:30/11**  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11**  
**C. Worship—8:30/11**  
**Lay Reader—8:30**  
**Liturgist—11:00**  
**Moment All Ages**  
**Prayer Room 8:30/11**  
**Hospitality 8:30/11**  
**Counters**  
**Sound Booth**

Gene and Alison Aucott  
John and Carol McGinley  
Joan Saller  
C. Figueroa/M. Rinehimer  
C. Bruno/R. Catoia/K. Rinehimer  
Amy Castaldi/Joan Leaman  
Judy Gambill  
Mary Franciscus  
Pastor Monica  
Nancy Howard/Joan Saller  
Rain Catoia/The Stuhrkes  
Anderson/Shaub  
Keith Schneider & various

### Next Sunday, December 10th

The Bushnells  
The Hills  
Joan Saller  
Mac Catoia/Ian Ditzel  
Rubincan/E. Mullen/J. Leaman  
Jessi Timm/Amy Simonds  
Cindy Haley  
Sandy Deckard  
Joan Leaman  
Pam Howard/Susan Paisley  
The Stuhrkes/The Hoovers  
Bowers/Beauchamp  
Keith Schneider & various





Once again, we will adorn the sanctuary with poinsettias, the beautiful Christmas season flower. Please stop by the lobby information table and pick up an order form or use the form below. Each plant will be in a 6" pot and will be red with 4 to 5 blooms. The cost is \$6.50 each.

The order form enables you to place a flower in the sanctuary in honor, memory or in celebration of a special person or event. Simply fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 17th or into Donna

Fackler's mailbox in the copy room.

Those who ordered flowers, and for whom they are ordered, will be listed in Christmas Eve bulletins. All flowers will adorn the sanctuary until after Christmas. You may pick up your flowers on Sunday, December 31st after the 11:00 a.m. service. Any flowers remaining after Sunday will be delivered to our homebound and nursing home residents. Thank you.

### Christmas Poinsettias Order Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ x **\$6.50** each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total  
(Please make checks payable to WGUMC with memo for "Poinsettias")

**Check one:**                      In Honor of:                      In Memory of:                      In Celebration of:

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Please visit our **Christmas Gift Tree** in the Lobby.



On the tree, there will be gift tags for families and individuals from our community in need. The tag will note the child's gender, age and requested item. Some might just have the gender and age and you can pick out a surprise Christmas present! We will be providing gifts to children in the school district, residents at Twin Pines, and additional local families in need.

Please read this portion of a note received this year: "I'm reaching out to see if it's possible to get help for my granddaughter. This will be her first Christmas."

Please prayerfully consider taking a tag and helping someone in need over this Christmas season.

**Wrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 17 to ensure they can be delivered in time.**

**Questions? Please contact Joan Leaman at [jmleaman@comcast.net](mailto:jmleaman@comcast.net).**





## Wednesdays in Advent

Parties, gifts, and family tensions dominate the season. So, maybe it's time we explore the true meaning of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Join us on

**Wednesdays in Advent from 6-8 p.m.**, as we use Messy Church to experience creative and fun-filled Christian community. Bring a potluck to contribute to the meal!

**Wednesday December 6th-  
Prepare the Manger  
Wednesday, December 13th-  
Worship at the Manger  
Wednesday, December 20th-  
Celebrate the Manger**

This season, refocus and prepare for Christmas with Messy Church!



**West Grove UMC  
Live Nativity 2017  
Preparing our Hearts for Christmas  
Saturday, December 16  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

***How do you feel when you think of Christmas?...***

Exhaustion (at the thought of decorating)?...

Overwhelm (at the thought of squeezing more into an already busy schedule)?...

Fear (of over spending)?

***Pause. There is Good News!***

*The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us* John 1:14

***JOY*** came down that first Christmas...

***PEACE*** that passes understanding dwelt among us...

***FORGIVENESS*** came to redeem and heal us....

***LOVE*** In the Flesh became accessible....

And He lives in us today! Hallelujah!!!

***Be a part of the Live Nativity***

Join us for a time of quiet reflection. Invite a neighbor.

Bring children to experience the moment with live sheep, Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.

Share TRUE joy, peace, forgiveness and love with friends and neighbors.

Warm up with baked goodies, hot chocolate, and fellowship in the church lobby.

**Sign up in the lobby to be an actor or to bake cookies. Actors serve for 30 minute intervals. Costumes provided!**





## Advent Wreath Lighting

(Sing verse 1) “Christ, Be Our Light!”

Reader One: During Advent, we await the coming of Jesus as a baby and the cosmic Christ’s coming.

Reader Two: We look to the long genealogy of those who have waited faithfully and lived expectantly.

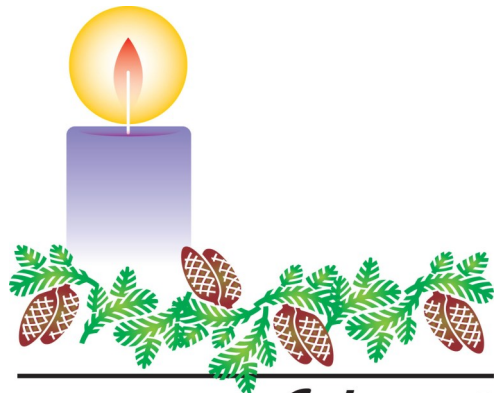
**All: “Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord.” (Psalm 27:14)**

Reader One: From Abraham and Sarah, to Bathsheba and David, God’s people have been waiting in the face of uncertainty for justice and mercy.

Reader Two: From Boaz and Ruth to Mary and Joseph, God’s people are waiting for Messiah to bring the full realization of God’s kingdom.

**All: As we light the first candle, we join with those who wait.**

(Sing Chorus) “Christ, Be Our Light!”



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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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**Meditations For Your Week**  
**Sunday, December 3rd—Saturday, December 9th**



**Sunday:** *“When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.” 2 Samuel 7: 12.* The promises of God to God’s people are long. This Advent, give thanks to God, that you are a part of a generations of people who have known God and served God.

**Monday:** *“But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established forever.” 2 Samuel 7: 15-16.* God’s promises to David are to generations to follow. Where do you see God’s ways being established?

**Tuesday:** *“An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” Matthew 1:1.* The writer of the Gospel of Matthew grounds us in a glimpse of the ancestry of Jesus. Pray today for those generations who came before you (your parents and grandparents) as well as those generations who come after you (your children and grandchildren).

**Wednesday:** *“and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse” Matthew 1: 5.* God has a tendency to utilize those that world has not found use for. Pray today to open your eyes to God’s ways.

**Thursday:** *“and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.” Matthew 1: 16.* Pray today for the Josephs among us. Those who are seeking faithfulness, even where they do not understand.

**Friday:** *“So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.” Matthew 1:17.* In this preparation days, where are you seeing God’s presence in dependable ways?

**Saturday:** *“Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 1: 18.* Where have you been surprised to find the Holy Spirit in your life?

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## OPEN

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| <b>*Opening song</b>                                                                                                                                        | “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”                | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>Welcome and Ministry Opportunities</b>                                                                                                                   |                                          | Pastor Monica    |
| <i>Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.<br/>First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here</i> |                                          |                  |
| <b>*Celebration Set</b>                                                                                                                                     | “Open Up the Heavens”<br>“People of God” | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>*Passing of the Peace</b>                                                                                                                                |                                          | PraiseWorks Band |

## GROW

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| <b>Advent Wreath Lighting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                   |               |
| <b>Moment For All Ages</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                   | Pastor Monica |
| <b>Old Testament Lesson</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 Samuel 7:12-17                  | Judy Gambill  |
| <b>*Gospel Lesson</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Matthew 1:1-18                    | Judy Gambill  |
| Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children’s Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities. |                                   |               |
| <b>Sermon</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | “Matthew: Writer and Genealogist” | Pastor Monica |

## SERVE

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| <b>Moment of Impact</b>                                                                                                                                        | Live Nativity          | Pastor Monica    |
| <b>Offering</b>                                                                                                                                                | “You Are Welcome”      | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>Offertory Prayer (Unison)</b>                                                                                                                               |                        | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>Invitation</b>                                                                                                                                              |                        | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>Prayer of Confession</b> (Written by John W. Riggs)                                                                                                         |                        | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>Words of Assurance</b>                                                                                                                                      |                        | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>The Great Thanksgiving</b> (Written by Reverend Michael Johnson)                                                                                            |                        |                  |
| <i>All are welcome. Our communion bread is gluten free and nut free so that all may receive together.<br/>Our cup is grape juice, so that all may partake.</i> |                        |                  |
| <b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>                                                                                                                                       |                        | Pastor Monica    |
| <b>Communion Song</b>                                                                                                                                          | “The Greatest Thing”   | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>Prayer After Receiving (Unison)</b>                                                                                                                         |                        | Pastor Shirley   |
| <b>*Closing Song</b>                                                                                                                                           | “Your Grace is Enough” | PraiseWorks Band |
| <b>*Benediction</b>                                                                                                                                            |                        | Pastor Monica    |

*\*= Please stand as you are able*    **Bold Print = Say in unison**