West Grove United Methodist Church



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

ADVENT SEASON & HOPE

First Sunday of Advent All Worship Sunday Communion & Emergency Aid Sunday

Sunday, December 2, 2018

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

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

"Rejoice And Sing"

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Deck the halls and sing the songs, One: Many: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Light the candle and share the hope, One:

Many: Christ comes to change our lives.

*Processional Hymn	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	UMH No. 196
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*Opening Prayer (Unison)

Margee Michaels Steadfast God, as we watch and wait, we look for signs of hope. We pray you will show us how to live and lead in this world. Lead us in your paths. Help us to stay fixed on you, not to despair, though the nights are long. Keep us to faith; help us reflect hope to one another. In the name of Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Advent Wreath Lighting

The peace of Christ be with you. One: Many: And also with you.

GROW

Song	"Light A Candle Of Hope"	
Moment for All Ages		Pastor Monica
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 2:3-4	Margee Michaels
*Gospel Lesson	Luke 21:25-36	Margee Michaels
*Response to the Lesso One: This is the word of Many: Thanks be to Go	of God for the people of God.	Margee Michaels
Anthem	"O Come To Us, Emmanuel"	Chancel Choir
Sermon	"Do Expect Hope"	Pastor Monica
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*Hymn of Response	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	UMH No. 211 Verses 1, 4, 5

Pastor Monica

Chancel Choir

Margee Michaels

Margee Michaels

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Moment of Impact

Youth Ministry

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

Melanie Hartley

UMH No. 221

Pastor Jim

Offering

*Offertory Response

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

God of hope, ignite not only our candles, but the flames of our faith urging us into lives expecting your presence and trusting in you with all that we are and have. May we offer our tithes, our gifts, and our offerings with the joy of generosity, so that we might give compassion recklessly, judgment sparingly, and forgiveness unconditionally. In the name of the Christ, we pray. Amen

*Invitation

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God of the timeless perspective, we have been impatient and shortsighted. You have called us to watch, wait, act, and engage. We have thrown our hands in the air and resigned our hope, because justice and righteousness do not appear as we have imagined them. We confess that we have lost hope. We have put our trust in the things and leaders of this world, instead of You, our Eternal Hope. You are the one who sent us Jesus, and who promised to come again. Help us to know faithfulness, mercy, and steadfast love, as we watch and wait this Advent season. Teach and train our hearts and minds to expect to your miracles and presence. Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Amen.

(Moment of Silence)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Song	"Come, Sinners, To The Gospel Feast"	UMH No. 616
beacons of hope as we par taste of your banquet which	nison) ns, we give you thanks for the holy myster ticipate and wait as the world is changed. (is to come would give us the hunger for pe ommunity and around the world. Amen	Grant that this
*Hymn of Sending Forth	"I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"	UMH No. 206
*Benediction		Pastor Monica
*Choral Benediction	"Bless Us Father"	Chancel Choir

*Postlude

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Pastor Jim & Pastor Monica

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 2:3-4

Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then Jesus told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

MOMENT OF IMPACT Youth Ministry

On this first Sunday of Advent we seek hope. There is never a time or place that is void of God's presence, no matter how ordinary it may seem. When students come to youth group they play games like 9 Square In the Air, balloon tag, Gaga Ball; we have had gutter ice cream sundaes and go through lots of snacks; We also talk about what faith is and what it means to be thankful. It is in these moments of silliness and noise that the presence of God is alive. There is understanding, friendship and wisdom. The hope of Christ's light shines bright. We give thanks for these ordinary moments.

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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, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing theFriendship 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

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. We would like for you to hear!



THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who stepped in to help while Pastor Monica was on renewal leave. We were delighted to have Deaconess Yvette, Rev. Tom Davis-Shapell and Melanie Hartley, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, in the pulpit over these last six weeks. Thank you to Rev. Don Hurst for providing spiritual and administrative care. And thank you to Pastor Jim, Deaconess Yvette, our visitation team, and prayer ministry as they continued their ministries of pastoral care. We give thanks to God for the many gifts of the body of Christ.

COAT DRIVE: Our coat drive continues. We are collecting donations of gently used or new winter coats. Donations may be dropped off at the church **through December 8**. We are accepting all sizes from children, through teens and adults. Please help us keep <u>everyone</u> warm this winter!

ADVENT SIGN-UPS: The Advent season is here! If you would like to be a part of lighting the advent candles in our services, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE? A simple and easy way to serve on a Sunday morning is to become an usher, greeter or communion server. It is simple and easy. You even get to select the Sunday you wish to serve! If you are interested in serving on a Sunday morning, please contact Carol Whelan at clwhelan1@verizon.net or 484-868-4961.

LUTHER HOUSE COOKIE BAKING & CRAFT MAKING: The Missions Team is looking forward to having everyone join in on cookie Baking and Craft Making for the residents of the Luther House. **We will deliver their gifts on the 10th.** If you would like to participate but are unable to attend, we would enjoy receiving home baked cookies to include. If you would like to bake and deliver, please sign-up in the lobby or contact Janice Bowers with the number of cookies you would like to provide (janicesemail2@gmail.com or 484-888-6821). Thank you!

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT: The Youth Group will be getting together for pizza tonight at **5:30 p.m.** and then attending the Christmas Music Celebration.

JENNER'S POND CHRISTMAS CHORUS PROGRAM: All are welcome to attend the Christmas Chorus Program at Jenner's Pond on **Tuesday, December 4 at 7:15 p.m.** What a wonderful way to celebrate the beginning of the season!

J.U.L.I.E.T.S (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together): The J.U.L.I.E.T.S will be meeting on Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 for breakfast at the Sunrise Café in Kennett Square. Join us! Contact Chris Curtiss for more information (610.345.0374).

UMW FAITH CIRCLE: The Faith Circle will be meeting on Friday, December 7 from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Sewing skills are not necessary. Please contact Chris Curtiss if you are interested in coming. (610.345.0374).

Т	HIS WEEK: Dec	cember 2 through December 9, 2018
	~~ Hours for the Chu	rch Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m 4 p.m. ~~
		First Sunday of Advent
	All Worship Sund	ay Communion & Emergency Aid Sunday
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	10:45 a.m11:00 a.m.	Kids Sing Rehearsal (#3)
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	6:00 p.m7:30 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (#1)
	6:10 p.m6:30 a.m.	Kids Sing Rehearsal (#3)
	6:30 p.m8:30 p.m.	Christmas Music Celebration
Monday:	9:00 a.m11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
-	9:15 a.m9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)
	9:30 a.m11:30 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	6:30 p.m8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	6:30 p.m7:30 p.m.	Memory Bell Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Tuesdaw	8:00 a.m2:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cleaning (Kitchen)
Tuesday:		
	9:00 a.m11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:15 a.m9:45 a.m.	CMO Chapel Time (#12, Sanc.)
	4:45 p.m6:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop #447 (#8, 10)
	6:30 p.m8:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop #498 (#12)
	7:00 p.m8:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (#1)
	7:15 p.m.	Christmas Chorus Program at Jenner's Pond
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m9:30 a.m.	Ministerium
	9:00 a.m11:00 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	1:00 p.m2:30 p.m.	Bi-Monthly Staff Meeting (#1)
	2:00 p.m3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:00 p.m8:00 p.m.	Wednesdays in Advent (#Sanc., Kitchen)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m1:30 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
j .	11:00 a.m12:30 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	1:00 p.m6:00 p.m.	DCOM Meeting (Parkesburg UMC)
	5:30 p.m7:00 p.m.	Brownie Troop #4099 (#12)
	5:45 p.m7:00 p.m.	Jr. Girl Scouts Troop #4567 (#8, 10)
	6:45 p.m8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m9:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #12 with Christmas Court of Honor(#3, 4, 5, Sanc.)
	7:30 p.m9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
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Friday:	9:00 a.m1:30 a.m.	CMO Preschool (#9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m11:00 a.m.	UMW Faith Circle (#8, 10)
	7:00 p.m10:00 a.m.	Girl Scout Troop Overnight (Sanc.)
Saturday:	8:30 a.m10:00 a.m.	SPRC Meeting (#1)
	9:00 a.m10:30 a.m.	J.U.L.I.E.T.S (Sunrise Café)
	10:00 a.m11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8, 10)
		Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service with Praise Works Band
-	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service with Chancel Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Jenner's Pond Worship Service (Alison Theater)
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	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m5:00 p.m.	Counters (#2) Cookie Baking & Craft Making (Kit, Lobby, Sanc.)

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY



To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays. Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.

Community Prayer Focus for December: Advent Activities & Services Mission Prayer Focus for December: UMCOR

Darlene Alleger (Guepet) Carolyn (A. Boyd) Cory Beattie (Shaub) Mike Bohn (Fackler) Fran Brvan David Cantrell (Mullen) Helen Carlin Roger Cason (Mundell) Family of Dana Clark (Fackler) Joann Coates Dee Crawford Laura Featherston Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton) Family of Vera Flowers Betty Gaughan (Fackler) Pastor Monica Liz Hadly Mike Halev Ellen Haves Pat Heist Walter Hunt (K. Boyd) Kelsey Jubinsky (Guepet) Peg Kent

Aileen Krewatch Cindy Luttman (Miller) Dave McClain Peggy Mowrer Tim Mullen Lola Nadolny (Hruz) Nancy Pearo (Heist) Rick Renzulli (McGinley) Richard Saller Roann Schneider Linda Shiplet Joan Smead (Wolff) Cliff Smith (Mundell) Rick Spencer (Kim Smith) Maureen Stickel (Fackler) Jeannette Strvjewski Jeannie Sullivan Bruce Varney (Shiplet) Karrington Washington (Howard) Mary Weidman (Miller) Family of Leon Willis (Carlin) Ron Wilson Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)

Nathaniel Howard, Quantico VA

Brian Kubo-Qatar (Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, Chesapeake, VA (The Rambergers)

Ed Tolmie

Dalton Wolfe U.S. Marine Corps

Chris Weidman-Japan (Miller)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

	<u>This Sunday, December 2</u>	<u>Next Sunday, December 9</u>	
Ushers—8:30	The Aucotts	TBD	
Greeters—8:30	TBD	TBD	
Ushers—11:00	Fran Miller / Ralph Curtis	Laura Featherston	
Greeters—11:00	TBD	Esther Culbertson	
Communion 8:30/11:00	J. Mundell, Betty Mundell,	N/A	
	V. Ramberger, Y. Diaz/ J. Mundell,		
Acolyte 8:30/11:00	Cora Boyd/Parker Featherston	Wesley Boyd/Alisabeth Guepet	
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	K. Hendrickson/K. Hruz/J. Leaman	M. Rubincan/E. Mullen/P. Fulton	
C. Worship—8:30/11	N/A	TBD/TBD	
Lay Reader—8:30	Fred Sullivan	Cindy Haley	
Liturgist—11:00	Margee Michaels	Chris Curtiss	
Moment All Ages	Pastor Monica	Pastor Monica	
Prayer Room 8:30/11	Pam Howard/Sandi Hampton	Carolyn Bratton/TBD	
Roamers	Fran Miller	Heather McGovern	
Hospitality 8:30/11	L. Shiplett & K. Smith/ The Stuhrkes	The Smiths/The Stuhrkes	
Counters	Anderson/Shaub	Talley/Bowers	
Sound Booth	Keith Schneider & various	Keith Schneider & various	

The Christmas Season at West Grove United Methodist Church

> As we move closer to the birth of Jesus, may we also move closer to Christ the Lord and to one another. We invite you to join us throughout this blessed season as we anticipate the birth of Christ. In the coming weeks, we have numerous programs and events planned.

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. ~ Contemporary Praise & Worship service 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy 11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship service There is an informal Coffee Fellowship time after each service. Join us!

Special Events

Sunday, December 2nd ~ Christmas Musical Celebration- 6:30 p.m. (for all ages) Wednesday, December 5th, 12th and 19th ~ Wednesdays in Advent (for all ages) Saturday, December 15th ~ Live Nativity-6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, December 21st ~ Blue Christmas Service, 7:00 p.m.

<u>Christmas Eve Services—Monday, December 24th</u> Children's

12:00 p.m. Wiggly Giggly Children's Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

6:00 p.m. Family service with a pick-up Christmas Pageant and music by our Memory Bells Handbell Choir

7:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Service at Jenner's Pond

8:30 p.m. Contemporary Service with music by our PraiseWorks Band

11:00 p.m. Traditional Service with music by our Chancel Choir and the Sacrament of Holy Communion

We hope you join us as we celebrate the season!



Annual Christmas Music Celebration At West Grove UMC Sounds TONIGHT! of the 6:30 p.m. Jeason Christmas brings out the best music in all of us!

Bring your family and invite your friends!

Our family-friendly time of 6:30 p.m. allows all ages to join in the festivities.

Welcome the Advent Season with music by the Chancel Choir, Memory Bells Hand Bell Choir, special musical numbers and, of course, a carol singalong.

Stay after for delicious, homemade Christmas cookies and cider! Invite your friends and family to get in the Christmas spirit!



Wrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by December 16th.

FOUR WEEK ADVENT **BIBLE SERIES**

Celebrate Jesus: How Light, Power, Truth and Love Came Into the World

God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

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

LIVE NATIVITY

Saturday, December 15, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

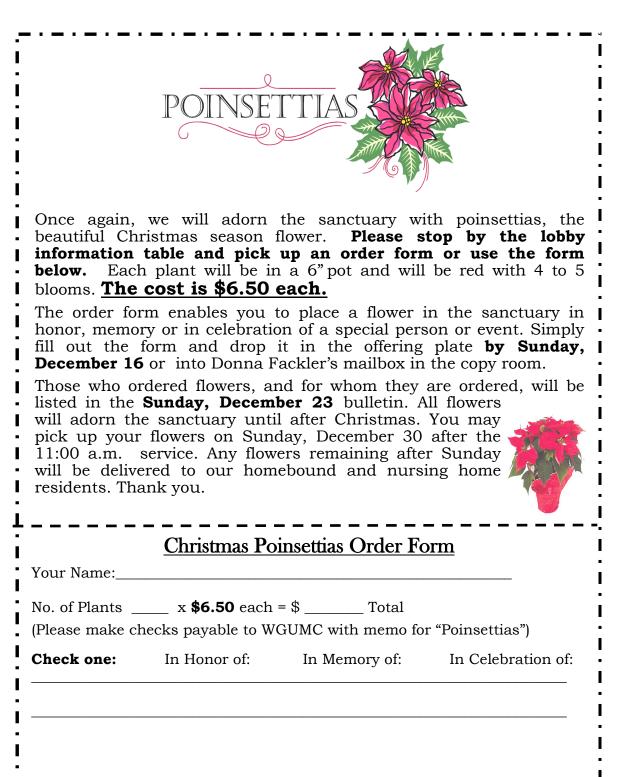


Join us on Sunday mornings December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Sponsored by the Prayer Ministry Team



Report November 25, 2018

Attendance: 133 General Offering: \$ 5,051.13 Building Maintenance Fund: \$ 300.00 Emergency Groceries YTD: 360 bags Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 4,528.89 Prayer Bead Garden Donations: \$ 0.00 (\$14, 705.91 Total) Thanksgiving Offering Total: \$962.00



Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, December 2 ~ Saturday, December 8



- Sunday: "Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. "Isaiah 2:3. Hope is cultivated. Expect God will show up. Go to the mountain of the LORD. Be with others who have known God. Be teachable.
- **Monday**: "He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." Isaiah 2:4. Pray for the day in which nation will fight nation, and we will not learn war.
- **Tuesday**: "'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves." Luke 21:25. Hope is a lifesaver in the roaring sea. Pray for those who are without hope.
- **Wednesday**: "Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28. Where is God calling you stand up for others and offer hope?
- **Thursday**: "So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near." Luke 21:31. Consider where it is that you can see the kingdom of God coming near and give thanks to God.
- **Friday**: "'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth." Luke 21:34-35. Hope lightens your heart and soul. Offer today's worries to God with hope. God will care for you.
- **Saturday**: "Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36. Where are you being invited into a time of preparation this Advent? When you expect God to show, you prepare with hope.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

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*Celebration Set	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" "Open Up The Heavens"	PraiseWorks Band	
*Passing of the Peace One: The peace of Chri Many: And also with yo		PraiseWorks Band	
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Song	"Light A Candle Of Hope"	PraiseWorks Band	
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Sermon	"Do Expect Hope"	Pastor Monica	
	SERVE		
Moment of Impact	Youth Ministry	Melanie Hartley	
Offering	"You Are Welcome"	PraiseWorks Band	
Offertory Prayer (Uniso	on, p. 3)	Pastor Jim	
The Great ThanksgivingPastor Jim & Pastor MonicaAll 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.			
Communion Song	"For Everyone Born"	PraiseWorks Band	
Prayer After Receiving (Unison, p. 3) Pastor Monica			
*Closing Song	"Song Of Hope"	PraiseWorks Band	
*Benediction		Pastor Monica	
*Postlude			

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