

Welcome to Grace United Church
December 10, 2017 - Second Sunday in Advent

Bold printed text indicates congregational responses.

VU = Voices United Hymnbook MV = More Voices Hymnbook

Today's Today's Reader: Sally Kormann

Today's Ushers: Pat Carmount & Faye Moore

CENTRING

PRELUDE

HYMN SING "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" VU #48
 " 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" VU #71:1, 4
 "Go Tell it on the Mountain" VU #43:1-3
INTROIT "Three-Part Advent Chant" Witt

SHARING COMMUNITY *celebrations, sorrows, announcements*

ACKNOWLEDGING TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

CELEBRATING OUR MISSION STATEMENT

HYMN "Hope is a Star" VU #7:2

CANDLE LIGHTING

Wake up! Don't start to drowse!

Jesus is coming. Prepare your hearts now

to welcome the one we call "Prince of Peace."

Through him God's compassion and love are released.

Let us Pray:

**Thank you, God, for sending Jesus,
your gift of peace to the world.**

**Help us to work with him to find peaceful ways to
solve problems in our own lives and in the world.**

**Let this candle remind us that the light of Christ
is shining in our hearts and can spread from us to
others when we live in peace. Amen.**

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SUNG RESPONSE "Candle Burning" *Mayberry*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN "She Comes Sailing on the Wind" VU #380

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jayden William McLean McAllister

Child of Michelle McLean and Jayson McAllister

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

Jesus calls us to share our faith with all
and to proclaim God's gift of grace in baptism.
Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,
promise your love, support, and care
to this child who is about to be baptized
as he lives and grows in Christ?

We do, by the grace of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "A New Creed" VU # 918

ACT OF BAPTISM

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise...

TIME FOR THE YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART/WHITE GIFT

REFLECTING

MINUTE FOR MISSION Conflict Resolution

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-45

GIFT OF MUSIC "Mary's Song" Soloist: Stacey Bell

SERMON "Saying Yes With Mary"

HYMN "She Walked in the Summer" VU #12

SHARING

SHARING OUR GIFTS

SUNG RESPONSE "Dream a Dream" MV #158:2

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Holy God, with the anticipation of Advent,
we offer these gifts of our hands and heart,
bless them and guide their use. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCATTERING

HYMN "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" VU #31

BENEDICTION & CHORAL BLESSING

"Hope Shines as the Solitary Star" MV #220

GRACE-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, December 11

VON Smart Program, 9 – 10 am

Bible Study, 3 – 4 pm

Al-Anon, 8 – 10 pm

Tuesday, December 12

TOPS, 10 – 11 am

Light on Main Street Prep, 1 – 4 pm

Bridge Plus, 1:30 pm

Brownies, Sparks & Guides 6:30 pm

AA Meeting, 8 – 10 pm

Wednesday, December 13

VON Smart Program, 9 – 10 am

Mental Health Drop-in Clinic, 11 am

Light on Main Street, 11:30 am – 1 pm

Saugeen Villa Service, 2 – 3 pm

Cubs & Scouts, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Finance Meeting, 6:30 - 7 pm

Board Meeting, 7 – 9 pm

Thursday, December 14

Hanover Shufflers, 1 – 3 pm

Knitting Circle, 1:30 - 3 pm

Poundwatchers, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Beavers, 6 – 8 pm

Choir Rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Pageant

Congregational Christmas Party