



**Family Event, Sunday January 23rd at 1:30 p.m.** Join us at the Ice House for fun, fellowship and ice skating. Contact Kim Priddy at [kpriddy@grace-methodist.com](mailto:kpriddy@grace-methodist.com) for information or to sign up.

**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!** Please join us as we kickoff a Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, January 13 a 9:30 am. Come see what we have in store for the Women of Grace as we preview the Bible study and have a time of fellowship. Contact Kim Priddy at [kpriddy@grace-methodist.com](mailto:kpriddy@grace-methodist.com) for more information.

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**DECEMBER 27, 2009**

**Our Presence**

10 am Worship - 127 Total: 127

**Our Generosity**

Needed weekly toward budget	7,553
Received last week toward budget	8,352
Needed YTD	483,903
Received YTD	470,267
<b>Shortfall YTD</b>	<b>[13,636]</b>

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# GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010**

**9:00, 10:15 AND 11:00 A.M.**

***Change: A New Me for a New Year***

***Part 1: The Purpose and Problem of Change***

Happy New Year and welcome to Grace! As we begin this New Year, most of us have made New Year's Resolutions. These resolutions usually represent our desire to change something about ourselves in the coming year. Some of us want to lose weight, some of us want to improve our relationships, some of us want to begin new career paths, and some of us want to stop some destructive pattern in our lives. The problem, however, is this: **IT'S HARD TO CHANGE!**

Well, today we're beginning a brand new sermon series at Grace entitled "Change: A New Me for a New Year". In this series we're going to be exploring what our faith has to say about change and how we can make it a reality in our lives. In this series we'll be looking at some techniques for making changes, finding the inner strength to change, and how to make the changes we make a permanent part of our lives.

This morning, however, we begin our series with a message entitled "The Purpose and Problem of Change". In our time together we'll consider why most of us want to make changes in our lives and what some of the barriers are that we must identify and overcome if we want to make these changes. We're thrilled you're beginning this journey with us at Grace!

Blessings,

Pastor Morris

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 3, 2010

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### GATHERING AND PARISH NOTICES

*(You are invited to sign the friendship registers located at the end of each pew.)*

PRELUDE *The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away* Bach

*(We center ourselves for worship as the light of Christ is brought into our midst.)*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**From everlasting to everlasting You are our God.**

\*HYMN NO. 173 *O Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. As we enter this New Year we know that there are changes we need to make in our lives - changes that will make us more healthy and whole, changes that will bring healing and wholeness to Your world. And yet, we confess that very often we give in to the barriers to change and settle for our same old selves. Forgive us, we pray. And by the power of Your Holy Spirit, help us begin to identify the barriers that stand in our way and give us the strength we need to overcome them. We pray this in the name of the one who came to show us the path to transformation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Let us observe a moment of silence for personal confession.)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In the name of Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal, page 71

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(You are invited to offer the peace of Christ to those with whom you worship.)*

RESPONSE NO. 393 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

OFFERTORY *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* Matthews

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Kim Priddy

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 7:15-25a

SERMON *Change*  
Part 1: The Purpose and Problem of Change Pastor Morris

ANTHEM *This is a Day of New Beginnings* arr. Young

## WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal, page 17

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(At the direction of the ushers, all are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.  
As we receive, let us joyfully sing Hymn Nos. 699, 92, 228.)*

\*HYMN NO. 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*(The light of Christ leads us out to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world.)*

\*POSTLUDE *Swiss Noel* D' Aquin

## WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD.

*\*As you are able, please stand*

## THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

**9:00 a.m. - GREETER:** Carolyn McKinney; **9 a.m. POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **TIME WITH CHILDREN:** Kim Priddy; **9 a.m. JUNIOR CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Corcoran; **9:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Mary & Jeff Kerrigan; **HALL HELPERS:** Kelly & Rob Warfield; **10:15 a.m. GREETER:** Audrey Boyd & Ginger Scott; **10:15 POWER POINT OPERATOR:** Kelli Staples; **11:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Carolyn McKinney & Page Griffin; Narthex: Buck & Betsy Gresham; **11:00 a.m. NURSERY:** Mary & Jeff Kerrigan; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Bill Stone; **11 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Mark McKinney; **USHERS:** Tina & Lucas Nelson, Ed Guyer, Charles McLoud; **11:00 a.m. SOUND SYSTEM:** Bruce Litaker; **CLOSER:** Debra Bingham

## FLOWER CALENDAR

Well, ready or not, the New Year is here! **The 2010 sanctuary flower calendar has been put on the wall across the hall from the parlor in the sanctuary building.** Most dates are open for you to donate flowers in memory or honor of a loved one or special event in your life. **Please fill out the form in the green envelope under the calendar and then place in Judi's box (first box on top, closest to the office door) outside the church office door.** I will put the flower announcement in the bulletin for the Sunday donated. The flowers are ordered from Botanica Flowers and Gifts and they will bill you directly after the flowers have been delivered. The cost of the flowers is \$40.00. Thank you for making our beautiful sanctuary even more lovely with the gift of flowers! Please take the flowers home with you or deliver to a shut in or loved one after the Sunday service.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Jay Martin, Gavin Alexander (infant son of Stuart Frye), Jack Dillon, Faith (friend of Nick Andrews and patient at Bell House), Jim Nussbaum (Vic Nussbaum's brother), Earl Rideout (Sugar Dunlap's brother-in-law), Jill Osborne (Mae Boles' niece), Tom Riffe (Melissa Guyer's dad), Kathy Gresham (Buck and Betsy Gresham's daughter-in-law), Elaine Kesler, Matthew Greiner, Earl and Edith Colin, US military service men and women and their families, world leaders, Middle East

## Update on Stewardship from the Finance Team:

*Our thanks to the following families for turning in a pledge card: Allred, Alston, Angel, Baxley, Bingham, Boozer, Boyd, Braxton, Brock, Brown, Butler, Carpenter, M&H Carter, Cauble, Clark, Corcoran, S&K Cox, Crenshaw, B. Cross, P. Cross, Crossley, Darden, J. Dillon, J&J Dillon, Dwiggins, Farris, Faucher, Ferreira, Fleischman, Ford, Franks-North, French, Gauffreau, Gibson, Gorman, Gorrell, Gregory, Greiner, Gresham, Griffin, Guyer, Hadnott, Hiers, Hough, Howard, Hudson, Hylton, Isbister, Jenkins, Johnston, Kernodle, Kerrigan, Knight, Kozakewich, Lauten, C&L Lewallen, P&L Lewallen, Light, Litaker, Long, B Lucas, L Lucas, MacKay, McCall, McCords, McDowell, C McKinney, J McKinney, McLoud, M Marshall, S&M Marshall, J Matthews, P Matthews, Messick, Milroy, Mitchell, Moore, Moran, Norman, Novelli, Nussbaum, Oakley, Owens, Patterson, Patton, Peay, Permar, Phelps, Poer, Porter, Powell, Price, Priddy, Purcell, Redding, Rio-Anderson, Roesch, Rogers, Romine, Sanders, Sawulski, Scales, Sibley, Sienkiewicz, Sink, M&S Skeen, E&J Smith, J&F Smith, B&S Smith, MN Smith, Spencer, M&L Stainback, K Stamey, Stewart, Stone, Stovall, Strader, Swaim, Szamier, Teague, H. Thomas, W&E Thomas, Thompson, Tomalas, Tousey, Trexler, Troy, Micca/VanHine, Warren, Warfield, Wert, J&A Williams, K&T Williams, P Williams, M&E Wilson, Windham.*

*Please notify the church office if you have made a pledge and your name is not on the list.*

### **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE 12/27/09**

• Pledge cards mailed (number of family giving units)	203
• Stewardship goal	\$550,000
• Pledge cards received	137
• Percentage received	67%
• Stewardship percent to goal	70%

