

THANKS TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS

10:00 a.m. NURSERY: Steve & Jenn Brock; **10:00 a.m. - GREETERS:** East Entrance: Carolyn McKinney & Page Griffin; Narthex: Pat Cross & Audrey Boyd; **10 a.m. JR. CHURCH ASSISTANT:** Gwen Clayton; **NICK'S TRANSPORTATION:** Scott Romine/Tom Sibley; **10 a.m. HEAD USHER:** Logan Hiers; **TAPING:** Patrick Fannes; **CLOSER:** Steve Brock

The flowers in the sanctuary today are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by Lewis and Gerri Oakley in memory of Teresa.

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

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DECEMBER 20, 2009

Our Presence	Our Generosity	
11 am Worship - 219	Needed weekly toward budget	7,554
Total: 219	Received last week toward budget	4,234
	Needed YTD	476,350
	Received YTD	461,915
	Shortfall YTD	{ 14,435 }

Grace Church Staff..Morris Brown, Pastor (pastorbrown@yahoo.com, 816-2270); Mike Moran, Pastor (mmoran@grace-methodist.com, 451-5297); Kim Priddy, Children's Director (kpriddy@grace-methodist.com); Marshall Johnson, Agents of Grace Music Director (sing@ghsvm.com); Danny Frye, Chancel Choir Director (dannyyrye@earthlink.net); Paula Owens, Organist (powens2@triad.rr.com); Judi Mitchell, Secretary (jmittchell@grace-methodist.com); Christina McCord, Youth Leader (Christina.mccord3@gmail.com); Bob Donovan, Custodian

GRACE CHURCH UNITED METHODIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

10:00 A.M.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 27, 2009

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 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

A Babe is Born in Bethlehem

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word.

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

And we have seen the glory, his glory!

*HYMN NO. 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO GOD

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in the birth of your holy child, Jesus, you gave us a great light to dawn in our darkness. And yet, we confess, that we have often loved the darkness rather than the light. Forgive us, we pray. And by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be people who let the light of Christ shine through us into your world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*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

Lift Up Your Heads

Lift up your heads to the coming King. Bow before Him and adore Him. Sing to His majesty. Let your praises be pure and holy, give glory to the King of kings.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(At this time, we welcome Mark & Kimberly Westmoreland into the life of Grace Church.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Love Came Down at Christmas

Treb Cranford, solo; Marshall Johnson, guitar

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kim Priddy

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

ANTHEM

SERMON

Sam Lewis

*HYMN NO. 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

*POSTLUDE

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

**As you are able, please stand*

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