

**Welcome To Grace United Methodist Church
We are glad you are here!**

9:30 A.M. Worship

10:45 A.M. Sunday School

December 27, 2009

The Gathering

Gathering music, fellowship, sharing with family and friends, announcements.

Choral Call to Worship: UMH 328

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Praise God in the highest heavens! Praise God in the deepest seas!

All creation proclaims God's glory—sun and moon, snow and frost.

With birds and beasts, we sing God's praises. With mountains and hills, we display God's glory. Glory to God in the highest! And peace to all on God's earth.

Opening Prayer (Colossians 3)

Ever-present God, clothe us with your compassion. Instill in us your kindness and mercy. Bind us together in humble patience and gentle love. Rule in our hearts, that we may be Christlike, displaying your glory in every word, in every deed. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: UMH 234**

O Come All Ye Faithful

Children's Moment

Prayer of Confession (Colossians 3)

God of wisdom and grace, guide us to be a people of compassion and kindness. When we clothe ourselves in sin, forgive us. When we separate ourselves from you and your people, bind us together as one. When we withhold forgiveness or harbor hatred, cover us with your mercy, that we may be bound together in love and be guided into your perfect harmony. May your peace rule in our hearts, and your forgiveness flow through our lives. Clothe us in the mercy and patience we so desperately seek, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Renewal

Words of Assurance (Colossians 3)

If anyone has a complaint against another, let forgiveness be our way. For just as the Lord has forgiven us, so must we also forgive. Receive the forgiveness Christ offers. We are forgiven and reconciled to God. Thanks be to God. Amen

The Word

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:41-52

Witness to the Word

Pastor Mike Fender

The Response

Prayers of the People

Prayer Hymn: UMH 349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

The Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offertory

Mr. Andrew Salyer

***Doxology**

The Sending Forth

***Benediction (1 Samuel 2, Psalm 148, Luke 2)**

Like Samuel and Jesus before us, may we continue to grow both in stature and wisdom. Like Samuel and Jesus before us, may our light shine for all to see. May we be stars of praise, displaying God's glory, as we reflect Christ's love.

***Choral Benediction: UMH 251**

Go Tell it On The Mountain