

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime!

12 Doughs of Christmas

**Sunday, Nov. 4
1-4 p.m.**

This scheduled time is for families with children over 12 years old.

If you have registered, please don't forget to meet us in the kitchen, we'll be ready for you!

Thanksgiving Worship

**Tuesday, Nov. 20
at 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, Nov. 22
at 9:30 a.m.**

Please join us for a time to thank God for all of his blessings.

Christmas Plans

We want to give you ample time to schedule for all of our Christmas activities.

See pages 4 and 5

Book Club

**Wednesday, Nov. 7 at
6:15 p.m.**

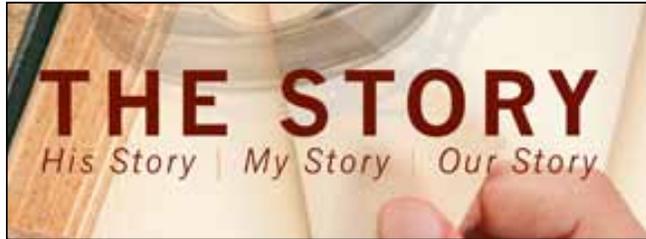
Meet to discuss "The Vow" by Kim and Krickett Carpenter.

Go Green

**Saturday, Nov. 10
9 a.m. -12 p.m.**

Want to get rid of those old computers?

See page 2 for more details.



God's View

Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Mark 12:41b-42

Stewardship: Responding and Being Part of the Story

This weekend we will take a short break from the book but not from an important topic threaded into "The Story." Throughout the Bible, God asks the Israelites to trust him, to do exactly what he says, so that they can see and reap his promises and blessings.

Isn't this true of giving back to God? God is asking us to trust him and to do what he says. By trusting his promises, we'll see his blessings.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

Isn't it a leap of faith to start giving back to God, to literally act upon his promises when everything around us seems to point in the other direction? After all, we have other financial obligations, house payments, grocery expenditures, college savings, and the list continues. Perhaps, our ancient examples, the Israelites, can teach us the dynamics of what is involved in trusting God. And since God has not changed, we can see how his promises are more faithful than our established habits and currency.

Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, we begin to see the devastating destruction of entire neighborhoods that occurred in seven states and caused the death of at least 96 people.

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod has established a fund to those affected by the storm, so we encourage you to give financially to their efforts. Please write a check made payable to Gloria Dei, with "Hurricane Sandy Relief" in the memo line and insert it into the enclosed envelope. You can also give online by going to our Web site at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Please continue to pray that God will provide comfort for those who have experienced great loss, and meet the needs for those who have been devastated by the storm.

Memorial Service for Pastor Dan Parsch

We were very sad to hear the news concerning Pastor Dan Parsch. He served as a pastor at Gloria Dei from 1975 - 2002. Even though we know that he is with his Savior, we grieve the loss of this faithful servant of God. Since Pastor Parsch was loved by so many at Gloria Dei, the family will be traveling to Iowa for a second memorial service on:

Friday, November 9, 2012

10:00 a.m. Family will be available to greet friends and family

11:00 a.m. Memorial service in the Sanctuary will be led by Rev. Dave Parsch (Dan's brother)

Lunch to follow the service

Our prayers go out to his wife and children. We hope you can attend as we honor Pastor Parsch. If you would like to send a card to the family, please send to: Monica Parsch, 707 N. Ellen Street, Nixa, MO 65714.



Go Green - Electronic Recycling

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon

We'll accept your electronic equipment for a minimal price of \$5 a car. (CRTs are an additional price.) Simply drop off your electronic equipment at Gloria Dei's parking lot.



We will lift your electronic equipment into the truck. Proceeds will go to support families of the Giving Tree.

Prices for CRT or 'tube' computer monitors and tvs are:

- 18" and smaller is \$10.
- 19-25" is \$15
- 26-32" is \$20
- 33-40" is \$25
- 41" and larger is \$30

Women's Bible Connections

Mondays, Nov. 12-Jan. 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m.

Connect with other faith-filled women on Monday mornings and evenings. We will read "The Fitting Room: Putting On the Character of Christ" by Kelly Minter. Colossians 3:12 tells us to "clothe" ourselves in Christian virtues like forgiveness, joy, patience, compassion. If you would like to join this study and/or order a book, contact Lisa Scherer at 490-4108.

My Story...God's Story

After moving to Des Moines upon graduation from UNI, I was in search of a church. It took almost a year for me to find the right congregation where I could be active and use my talents. At first, I wanted to be part of a smaller congregation thinking that Gloria Dei was such a large congregation where I might not be able to volunteer. During that time, I visited several churches around the city but I had an inclination to check out Gloria Dei again—God nudging me—and give it another visit or two.

As a result, I became a member almost seven years ago. The choir was one of the places where I first volunteered. After a while, I became involved with a praise team and recently was encouraged to take on more of a leadership roll which is leading the Wednesday night elementary children's opening service.

I grew up in Fairfield, Iowa, where I was active in my home congregation's church youth group and also taught Sunday school. So, working with the children was something

else I wanted to do because of the perspective that children have and I also enjoy meeting the kids. I started volunteering in Children's Ministry as an assistant in the Wednesday music program and now teach a Wednesday 4th and 5th grade Bible story class as well as a Sunday morning 2nd and 3rd grade class. With all of my teaching involvement and music background, I am now part of the Christmas program MAT as well, which will soon begin practicing for the upcoming children's program.



Tina Kientz is thankful how God has weaved her story into Gloria Dei's story.

I believe another part of God's plan for me is the new job that I've recently begun. Through a member at Gloria Dei, I found a wonderful job that I enjoy. That person was put into my life through my involvement at church.

I'm Tina Kientz. This is my story...this is God's story.

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Stephen Ministries
We have trained individuals to help you in every season of life. Contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center is for:



R Robbi Lee Heyer born on Sept. 11, 2012 to Ben and Tera (nee Luedtke) Heyer. Robbi's spiritual sponsors are Jeremy and Mandi Holcomb and Bruce Boettcher.

Altar Flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Nov. 4 are placed by Jim and Barb Miles in celebration of their 25th anniversary on Nov. 7 and by Jared and Mary Walter in celebration of their 48th anniversary on Nov. 6.

Senior Adult Ministry

Please note: Since this tour fills up fast, please reserve your spot today. Deposit is not due until next year. The Senior Adult Ministry is planning a New England fall foliage tour from Oct. 3-15, 2013. The highlights include: a motor coach round trip tour, 12 nights lodging, 20 meals, tours of lots of sites in New England. A \$200 deposit is required at the beginning of the year with balance due 60 days prior to the tour date. The cost is \$1,899 for double occupancy, \$1,821 for triple occupancy, etc. For reservations, contact Margaret at 223-1468. For more details, call Eloise Rinderknecht at 225-2225.

Surviving the Holidays

Thursday, Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m.

This session will help those who have recently experienced the death of a loved one or who are going through a divorce navigate through the holidays. There will be separate breakout support groups for those grieving or going through a divorce.

A meal will be served beginning at 6 p.m. Please register at gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

Officiant/Liturgist:
5:30 p.m. (FLC)
Rev. Ron Burcham

8 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

10 a.m. (FLC)
Rev. Phil Robarge

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ
Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes:
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sydney Olson

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Kara Krahn

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Grace Dawson

Scripture verses:
Malachi 3:6-12 and
Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

Hospitality Teams
5:30 p.m.(FLC)
Team Two

8 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

10 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team Two

Let's pray!

Prayer requests can be made on the back of the "Welcome" card located in the pews. Please indicate your prayer request and place the card in the offering plate. We have both e-mail and phone prayer chains available. Call Pastor Phillips in the church office, 276-1700, or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 993-3870 with your request.

Thanksgivings

- For Jim and Barb Miles celebrating their 25th anniversary
- For Jared and Mary Walter celebrating their 48th anniversary
- **For the health of**
- Stan Knapp
- Tanya Richards
- Kendrick Schiesl
- Greg Fitzgerald
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Carol Petersen, Peg Petersen-Riddle's sister
- Steve Crouthamel
- Christine Watson
- Stolley Schramm
- Shirley Kramer
- Don Zimmerman

And for:

- People impacted by hurricane Sandy
- Our upcoming elections

Prayer ministry

To join the prayer team, e-mail Pastor Phillips at: tphillips@gloriadeionline.com with your name, e-mail address and phone number.

Freedom for Youth

We need your help! We are looking for a small group or family to provide a meal on Monday, Dec. 3 from 5-6 p.m. for approximately 60 students and tutors. The meal will be served at the Freedom for Youth Ministries, 2301 Hickman Rd. Des Moines. For more details, contact Pastor Phillips at tphillips@gloriadeionline.com or sign up in the Narthex today.

LWMLCircles

Mary-Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 8 at 9 a.m. at Gloria Dei in room 129.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barb Koepp, 808 48th Street, West Des Moines.

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, November 8 at 9:30 a.m. at Panera Bread, Westown Parkway, West Des Moines. Please plan to attend; we will be discussing our foster families for Christmas.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Jo Miller, 4725 71st St., Urbandale.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Shirley Daib, 205 N. Circle Dr., Grimes.

Faith Alive Meal

**Wednesday, Nov. 7
5-6:15 p.m.**

Spaghetti - Enjoy a meal. The cost is \$5 per adult, and \$2.50 per child, children 2 and under eat free.

Advent by Candlelight

Then the angel said to them, Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. (Luke 2:10)

Join us for Advent by Candlelight, "Good News of Great Joy for All People," on Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



This evening offers a great opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation to focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ.

Hostess information: Please stop by the display in the Narthex to sign up for a table, pick up an informational packet and place the \$10 registration fee in the envelope provided. As a hostess, you will decorate a table, prepare a dessert and invite friends to join you for an evening of candlelight, fellowship and a musical program. Tables are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you would like to experience this special evening and haven't been invited by one of the hostesses, or if you have any questions, contact Jill Hosch at 270-2402 or jbhosch@centurylink.net; Brenda Plagge at 986-1123 or Plagge86@msn.com; Karen Hoff at karenrhoff@hotmail.com

LERT Training

Please note change: Due to an unforeseen emergency, the training for Nov. 10 has been cancelled until Saturday, Feb. 16. Iowa District West has immediate need for LERT-certified volunteers to respond after natural disasters. If you are interested, register online at www.idwlcms.org or contact Jill Davis at 515-576-7666. The training will be held at on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m to noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, 520 N. Garfield St., Algona.

Gloria Dei Quilters

Saturday, Nov. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This group will concentrate on making quilts to be given to mission projects. For questions, contact: Karen Hoff at 278--6655 or karenrhoff@hotmail.com.

Scrapbook Fellowship

Friday, Nov. 9 from 8:30 to 11 p.m. & Saturday, Nov. 10 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Come as your schedule allows for a fun-filled scrapbooking time. Childcare is provided by calling or texting Carol Wenndt with names and ages of children

Adopt-a-Family Program

Urbandale Food Pantry is looking for sponsors who can provide a holiday meal and presents to residents in Urbandale and Windsor Heights. Last year, 147 families were adopted during Christmas. If you or your family would like to adopt a family this Christmas, please call the Urbandale Food Pantry at 251-6688.

Gloria Dei Youth Ministry Outreaches

We Care Kits

The 7th grade boy's small group is collecting items for "We Care Kits" for Hope Ministries' homeless residents. We will be focusing on the needs of children.

Hope Ministries' requests: small personal-size containers of the following: children's toothbrush, toothbrush cover, toothpaste (travel size), bar of soap or body wash (travel size), pocket-pack of Puffs/tissue, 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner (travel size), and new washcloths.

The boys have learned that serving others is serving God by loving everyone in need.

If you would like to partner with us, please bring your donations to the bin in the Narthex or the Family Life Center.

The Well Project

Approximately \$1,600 has been collected for the Wells Bring Hope Project. Our goal is to collect \$4,600 by the end of December.

Each well we build will generate enough water for a community to have clean water for 20 years. That will change the culture of that community and impact the world. During November, a competition by grade will be held to see which team donates the most money. Team collection buckets will be available during opening on Wednesday evenings. The team with the most money donated will receive a prize.

If you'd like to partner with our youth ministry and help us build a well in Niger, Africa, please go to the youth ministry page on our Web site and click on the "Wells Bring Hope" project link.

Preparing for Christmas for Our Children

It may seem a bit early to talk about Christmas, but we have been planning for months to find ways to celebrate our Lord's birth in creative and fun ways. So take a few minutes to figure out what events you and your family can attend. If you have any questions, please contact me at deann@gloriadeionline.com. See you soon! - DeAnn McCue, Director of Children's Ministry.

Bethlehem ADVENTure | Sunday, Nov. 25 from 2-5 p.m.

Bethlehem ADVENTure is a family experience that will help celebrate Jesus as the reason for the CHRISTmas season. Travel with shepherds as they hear from the angels, step into the stable where the animals were kept (a baby in there?), snack in the village and praise the King of Kings! Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Gingerbread Tea | Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10-11:30 a.m.

The Gingerbread Tea is a special celebration for families with children to decorate a gingerbread house and to have tea together. The cost to attend is \$35 per family, which includes one gingerbread house to decorate. Additional gingerbread houses can be purchased for \$10 each. Register online at www.gloriadeionline.com.

Christmas Program | Sunday, Dec. 16 from 4-5 p.m.

Join us as we are led by the children in a celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through drama and song.

Christmas Program Rehearsal | Sundays, Nov. 11-Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Program rehearsals are for all ages, 2 to 5th grade. You won't want to miss the fun! We need over 100 children! And we need parents to help with the sections, painting sets, fitting costumes, etc. Will not rehearse Nov. 25.

Christmas Program Lunch | Sundays, Nov. 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 12-12:45 p.m. Join us for lunch and then stay for the Christmas program practice.

Week of November 3-10, 2012

Saturday, November 3

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 9:00 a.m. 12 Doughs of Christmas
- 4:00 p.m. Austen Koehn and Chelsey Holtz
Wedding
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 4

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in
Sanctuary with Communion
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in
Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Sanctuary with Communion
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 1:00 p.m. 12 Doughs of Christmas
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith

Monday, November 5

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Connections
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 6

- 7:00 a.m. General Election
- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest) Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, November 7

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Gloria Dei Book Club
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Vol. I (off-site)

Thursday, November 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Mary Esther Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Friday, November 9

- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Visitation with Pastor Parsch's family
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Pastor Parsch
- 12:00 p.m. Memorial Service Luncheon

Saturday, November 10

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Go Green Electronic Recycling
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Oct. 27-28)	Attendance	Communion
5:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)	173	118
8 a.m. (Sanctuary)	156	
9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	366	
10 a.m. (FLC)	59	32
11 a.m. (Sanctuary)	214	
Total	968	150

Outpouring of Love (Oct. 27-Nov. 3)	
Weekly General Fund Offerings	\$38,872
Weekly General Fund Offering Budget	\$46,000
2nd QTD Offering	\$161,452
2nd QTD Budget	\$176,000
YTD Offering Total	\$516,002
YTD Offering Budget	\$550,000

Week of November 10-17, 2012

Saturday, November 10

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Go Green Electronic Recycling
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, November 11

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 8:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:15 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:50 a.m. Castaway
- 9:50 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Chuck Corell)
- 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 10:45 a.m. "The Story" Adult Study (Dan Snyder)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 11:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 11:20 a.m. Castaway
- 12:00 p.m. Christmas Program Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownie 541
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 407
- 4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
- 6:00 p.m. Boyz of Faith

Monday, November 12

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Connections
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study

Monday, November 12 (continued)

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, November 13

- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight Music Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Thrivent Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Women's Study

Wednesday, November 14

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Faith Alive Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. "The Story" Adult Study
- 6:15 p.m. Smart Discipline Parenting Workshop
- 6:30 p.m. Gloria Dei Chorale
- 6:45 p.m. Junior High Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Vol. I (off-site)

Thursday, November 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 12:00 p.m. Urbandale Ministerial Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. Home School Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Surviving the Holidays

Friday, November 16

No church-wide activities planned

Saturday, November 17

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study - 33 Series, Volume 1
- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Items needed

Honduras mission team needs Claritin, Tums, Maalox, Zantac and Pepcid. Please place the donations in the Honduras bin in the Narthex. Thank you!

Urbandale Food Pantry requests donations of deodorant during the month of November. Please place in the Urbandale Food Pantry bin in the Narthex.

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 8:20 a.m.	Sunday 9:50 a.m.	Sunday 10:20 a.m.	Sunday 11:20 a.m.	Wednes. 6 p.m.
Preschool	8	2	16	6	11	Game
Elementary	19	2	44	15	29	Night
Total Children	27	4	60	21	40	60

Welcome to Gloria Dei! We are glad you are here!

We encourage families to worship together before children (ages 3-grade 5) are invited to Grace Place on Saturday evenings at 5:50; Sunday mornings at 8:20, 9:50, 10:20 and 11:20. Junior high youth (grades 6-8) are invited to Castaway at 9:50 and 11:20 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Saturday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This contemporary service offers a unique come-as-you-are worship experience on Saturday evening. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared.

8:00 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service is based on traditional hymns and liturgy. The music is organ led with offerings of special music, offertories and communion hymns led by the piano. Our special music groups and choirs perform on a regular basis.

9:30 a.m. Sunday | Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This service offers a blend of instruments, from piano and organ to brass and percussion. Large group choirs as well as small group vocal and instrumental ensembles offer special music. The liturgy is specifically designed to enhance the life of the believer, by supporting the current study of God's Word at Gloria Dei.

10:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

This high-energy service offers a casual setting for those who enjoy a come-as-you-are contemporary environment. A gathering of celebration will be led by our worship team and band in the Family Life Center, inviting worshippers to lift anthems to our God. There will be time for intimacy with God, reflection on his promises and the opportunity to grow as his Word is declared via this video venue.

11:00 a.m. Sunday | Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

This contemporary service has a unique style of its own as we combine the present day sounds of contemporary music with a worship band in the awe inspiring setting of the Sanctuary. This service includes uplifting songs of celebration as people gather together responding to our God.

Other important items

Nursery: Infants to age 3. Located on the lower level with access through the doors in the Narthex. The nursery is staffed during all worship services for children ages 3 and under at no cost to the parent.

Cry room: Located in the southwest corner of the Narthex is a room with a full view of the Sanctuary for parents to take their small children.

Weekly Bible reading - Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Educational times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.

Sundays at 8:20, 9:50,
10:20 & 11:20 a.m.

Faith Alive

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Youth (grades 6-12)

Times vary, check page 5.

Adults

Times vary, check pages 6-7.

Communion

Communion is offered on the first and third Sundays of each month during the services in the Sanctuary and the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays during the services in the Family Life Center.

A note to our guests and visitors: The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Gloria Dei in the belief and with the confession that this Sacrament is the very body and blood of Christ (The Doctrine of the Real Presence) which is received with the bread and the wine for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our faith. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and seek to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you agree with our beliefs regarding the nature and meaning of this Sacrament and desire to commune with us, you are welcome! For the medical and/or physical needs of members or visitors, non-alcoholic wine will be in the inner circle of each communion tray and will be lighter in color than the regular wine. In addition, gluten-free wafers are available, please alert the elders before the service if possible.