



Committed to the mission

by Pastor Ron Burcham, Senior Pastor

Bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime is more than a phrase or slogan to me; it is the mission God has given this congregation and there is nothing more important to me than to be as effective as we can in fulfilling that mission.

Last week in my message I said I truly believe God had spoken through the members of Gloria Dei through our vote in December. I also expressed my disappointment that we did not receive the necessary 67 percent to move forward with the Hickman campus. I would like to clarify what I meant by that statement. I am disappointed because I thought we had discovered the means to more effectively bring the news of Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime. How we accomplish our mission is secondary—it is the commitment to the mission that drives me.

I have heard comments wondering if I am upset or angry with the congregation. Absolutely not! I believe God is leading this congregation and that he speaks through his people. However, my concern is that as we continue to seek the most effective means to accomplish our mission, people may become discouraged or frustrated. I do not want to see us give up on our quest to bring the news of Christ to people and help them grow in their relationship with him. There is no greater privilege for us than to see this mission accomplished—moments like last fall when we witnessed the baptisms of three generations, and Confirmation retreats when our young people take their faith seriously and pray earnestly. These moments are not tied to a building or a program; it is the Holy Spirit working in hearts. The buildings and programs allow us the opportunities and give us the means for the message to be heard. How we accomplish our mission, through multi-site or some other method, is secondary to the mission.

As we move forward and discern what God is saying to us, I believe we must remain committed to our mission of bringing Jesus Christ to people for the first time and for a lifetime. There is balance in our mission statement. It is imperative that we bring the news of Jesus to people who have not heard it or rejected it in the past. It is only through faith in Christ that one can be saved. It doesn't end there. There is a maturing process that every Christian is a part of until they finally reach heaven. Pursuing this mission is what drives me and what I pray drives our congregation.

Share the heat campaign

Starts Sunday, Jan. 15 in the Narthex. Gloria Dei is partnering with Joppa Ministries to help provide warmth to the homeless this winter by raising funds to purchase propane gas. Joe Stevens, founder of Joppa Ministries, will be in the Narthex Sunday, Jan. 15 answering questions concerning the needs of the unsheltered in the metro area.

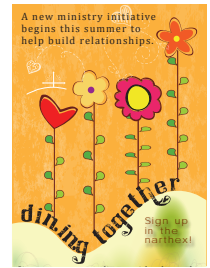


During winter, Joppa supplies heat weekly to tents and shacks throughout Des Moines and its suburbs. They also provide waterproof insulated boots, food, winter gear, tents, sleeping bags and other survival necessities, along with a 24-hour cellular hotline, counseling and response to special needs and emergencies.

Help provide warmth for the homeless.

A donation of \$20 will supply heat for one week.

A donation of \$80 will provide heat for a month.



Dining Together

Sunday, Jan. 22

Want to get to know others in the Gloria Dei family? Check out the Dining Together displays in the Narthex.

Last day to sign up is Jan. 15.



Family Event

Sunday, January 29
at 3 p.m.

Movie "Courageous" to be viewed at Gloria Dei. More details on page 2.

Tutoring program

Urbandale Community Action Network is launching a tutoring program on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-5 p.m. at the Urban Heights Covenant Church beginning mid-January. Volunteers are needed to tutor and provide snacks. If interested, contact Mary Polson at 278-3936.

“Courageous” Movie Event

Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



Gloria Dei invites the entire community to an afternoon in the movies to watch “Courageous” at the Family Life Center. And it’s free! So, bring your family, blankets, pillows or beanbag chairs (or sit on one of our chairs). Popcorn, soda will be served. Childcare for children will be available in the nursery.

About the movie*: Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face

a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle—fatherhood.

While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. But they’re quickly discovering that their standard is missing the mark.

When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God and to their children? (**Information from courageusthemovie.com*)

Honduras mission trip

Saturday, June 30 - Saturday, July 7, 2012: Gloria Dei is forming a team to help with evangelism, children’s ministry, general medical, dentistry and pharmacy to the impoverished in Honduras. Work may also include optometry and chiropractic services.

General Information: Teams reside at Casa de Esperanza (new mission house) in a very comfortable setting. Bedrooms have bunk beds, showers and modern restroom facilities. Both American and Honduran meals are served throughout the week. Days usually begin at 6:15 a.m. with daily team devotions. Casa de Esperanza has 24-hour security. Cost is \$1604, which includes round-trip flight from Des Moines, meals, lodging in Honduras, exit taxes and travel insurance. Cost is payable in three installments: March 15, 2012 (\$200), May 1, 2012 (\$644) and June 15 (\$760). If interested, contact Bill Clark at 491-8543.

Gloria Dei’s Book Club

Please plan to join us Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cry Room to discuss Karen Kingsbury’s book, “Even Now.”

Summary: With hallmark tenderness and power, Karen Kingsbury weaves a tapestry of lives, losses, love, and faith—and the miracle of resurrection. Sometimes hope for the future is found in the ashes of yesterday.

Shane Galanter is a man ready to put down roots after years of searching, but is he making the right choice?

Lauren Gibbs is a successful international war correspondent who gave up on happily-ever-after years ago—when it was ripped away from her.

Emily Anderson is a college freshman raised by her grandparents, and discovers a love story whose tragic ending came with her birth. As a result, she is drawn to look back and search out the mother and father she’s never met.

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Senior Adult Ministry

At the present time Pastors Boeschen and Foreman are seeking leaders for four Ministry Action Teams: Fellowship, Service, Growth and Learning and Travel.

If you are interested in serving on one of the MATs, please contact:

Pastor Boeschen -
dboeschen@gloriadeionline.com
Pastor Foreman -
cforeman@gloriadeionline.com

We hope to have the MATs in place during the month of January.

Altar flowers



The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Jan. 15 are provided by Kyle and Katie Hessel in memory of Olivia Grace Hessel.

Congregational vote

Last month's congregational vote's results from the Multi-site Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Site are as follows:

Votes Cast	552	
In-person votes	491	
Absentee returned	61	
(Absentee requested & distributed = 64)		
Yes votes	338	61.23%
No votes	214	38.77%
Eligible Voting Members	1796	30.7% of eligible voters did vote (in-person or by absentee)

Discovery 201

Sunday, Feb. 12, from 3-6:30 p.m. If you are transferring from another Lutheran church or have taken the Discovery 101 class, please join us for an interactive event on a Sunday afternoon. You'll meet the staff, get an overview of our ministry, meet and talk to each other and enjoy a delicious meal. Register by going to the adult page on our Web site (www.gloriadeionline.com). If you would like to use the childcare services we offer, please indicate this when you register.

Spring break VBS

March 19-21 It's time to think about spring and spring break VBS! Leader recruitment has begun. If you love kids and have a heart for Jesus, we'd love to have you as part of our team. Spring break VBS is a three-day adventure of fun, laughter and lots of kids. We need over 70 ministry partners to make VBS great. If you can help, contact DeAnn McCue at 278-5544, ext. 207 or at deann@gloriadeionline.com.

Servers

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

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Phil Robarge

9 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (FLC):
Rev. Tim Phillips

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Rev. Ron Burcham

Preacher
Rev. Ron Burcham

Organ
Kathy Brammeier

Acolytes
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Josh Dueker

9 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Noah Hoffman

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary):
Justin Hosch

Scripture Readings:
Acts 1:6-11 and
Matthew 28:16-20
(NLT)

Hospitality Teams
Northwind (FLC)
Team One

7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

9 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (FLC)
TBD

10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Team One

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.

Prayers

For the health of:

- Dolores Buttenhoff
- Brenda Barron
- Addison Blythe
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Roesella Kretzschmer
- Emma Anderson
- Katie Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Eli Horn
- Shirley Disney
- Rudy Petersen
- Bob McCleary
- Stan Knapp

And for:

- All of our college students returning to school

Prayer Ministry

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

Giving Tree Thanks

Last month, the generous donations from the members of Gloria Dei through Giving Tree provided Christmas gifts for 34 families and 133 individuals. The following are notes from two families who were impacted by your gifts:

Thank you to our Gloria Dei family who helped to make this a very blessed Christmas during this particularly trying season. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be treasured.
~ Kent, Angel, Aaron and Becca Siems

We can not thank you enough for everything you have done for our family. Your generosity was such a blessing to us. My husband and I have two boys. Our nieces and nephews



The Dahlgren's family

have been in and out of foster care for two years and they finally gave them to us in August. We will be adopting them soon. I can't tell you how much easier you made Christmas for us! When my husband came home with all the presents, I cried and cried. I couldn't believe the way God used his people to show us love, his love! This Christmas will always be a warm memory. We will never forget what you did for us and love we felt from God and his people. I pray God blesses each one of you the way you blessed us!
~ The Dahlgrens

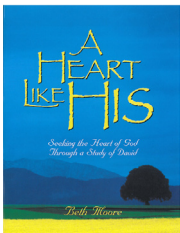


Lisa Scherer, Lori Martin, Nancy Wiggins and Faith Spark (not pictured) were the Giving Tree organizers.

Women's Bible Connections

Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible

Connections begins the year studying Beth Moore's "A Heart Like His." This in-depth study takes the reader through every twist and turn of David's life as a shepherd, a refugee and a king.



If you are interested in a journey that will build an earnest desire to seek God as David did in the Psalms, please e-mail Lisa Scherer at scherer_family@q.com. The cost of the book is \$21.

"Love and Respect"

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. Learn what motivates men and women in this 14-week study from the book "Love and Respect" by Dr. Eggeriches. Bill and Lesli Clark are facilitators of this group.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

WesleyLife Hospice Care is in need of volunteers to share conversation, hold a hand, bake a cake and give a hug. Volunteers visit patients, keep the patient's environment comfortable and inviting, assist in fundraising activities, help with administrative and clerical tasks and help organize special events. Training will be available Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Tuesday Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both sessions must be attended and will be held at Edgewater, 9225 Cascade, West Des Moines. If you are interested, contact Kathleen Fleming, Volunteer Coordinator, WesleyLife Hospice for an application at 515-271-6765 or at kfleming@wesleylife.org.

Care Night

If you are hurting, grieving or needing extra support, please join us for Care Night on Thursdays at 6 p.m. After dinner, the individual support groups will meet from 6:30-8 p.m.

Ways to help

Urbandale Food Pantry - Please consider donating shampoo in January to the "Food Pantry" bin in the Narthex.

Honduras Mission - Additional items needed in January for the Honduras mission are Children Vitamins and Prenatal Vitamins. Please place items in the "Honduras" bin in the Narthex.

Give Care - Warmth - Art - Monday, Jan. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Urbandale Food Pantry will be collecting items at the Urbandale Public Library. Please bring food, monetary gifts and new items, such as personal care items, new winter scarves, hats, gloves and baby blankets.

Spaghetti Dinner

Spirit Midwest Ministries is hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Sunday, Jan. 22 from 12-4 p.m. at the Market at Lotus, 2134 E. Grand Ave., Des Moines.

All proceeds will benefit the Spirit Midwest Ministries' Tijuana short-term mission trip. For more information, contact Alan Barnes at 334-8000.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Jan. 15: Join us for discussion on "Committed to the Mission."

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us Wednesdays in January as we discuss the theme "Relate." This theme will focus on how to relate to our family, friends and the less fortunate.

Training Ground - Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012

We start the evening with small groups (6-7:15 p.m.) and then enjoy games and hang-out time (7:15-8:30 p.m.).

30-Hour Famine

Join us June 8-9, 2012. Together we can save lives.

Junior high (6-8)

Castaway - Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 15: Join us for discussion on "Committed to the Mission."

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m. Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics.

Confirmation Retreat

If you have signed up to join us for the Lord's Prayer Retreat from Jan. 20-21, be at church Friday at 5 p.m. for dinner. Retreat ends at noon on Saturday. See you there!

The Wave

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 from 3-5 p.m.

Urbandale Swimming Pool. We're going swimming! Grab your friends and jump in! Cost is \$3 per person to swim. We'll meet at the pool.

GirlZ of Faith

Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6-7:15 p.m.

Girls in grades 4 and 5 are invited for a sweet time of study, fellowship and fun.

Midweek meal

Wednesdays from 5-5:45 p.m.

Enjoy a meal with the entire family of Gloria Dei. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$2.50 child or youth (2 years and under eat free).

Jan. 18: Baked Spaghetti

Knead to Loaf

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Come experience the joys of bread making. We'll make several loaves of bread to take home to bake and enjoy or give away. You'll also receive the recipes to make the bread again. Maximum of 12 families. Cost is \$40. Please register in the kitchen.

Does God Really Hear Me (2nd Grade)

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012 from 1-2 p.m.

All 2nd Graders and a parent are invited to attend this lively event focused on prayer! We'll play games and have a blast learning how to pray and be reminded that God always hears us! Space limited to 12 families.

The Wave

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 from 3-4:30 p.m.

We're going bowling! We'll meet at Merle Hay Lanes inside Merle Hay Mall from 3-4:30 p.m. to bowl a couple of games, eat pizza and have a blast together. Cost is \$10 per person to bowl and rent shoes.

Spring Break VBS

Monday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 21

Join us for three mornings of Vacation Bible School during spring break! We'll meet for non-stop fun and learning.

Monday, March 19 to Wednesday, March 21 from 9-11:30 a.m. No cost for this fun time. Appropriate for ages 3-11.

Week of January 14-21, 2012

Saturday, January 14

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 15

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary with Communion
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 2:00 p.m. Chapel at Emeritus
- 3:00 p.m. The Wave
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, January 16

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 3:00 p.m. Mount Olive Basketball Game
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, January 17

- 10:00 a.m. Lutheran Teachers' Conference Committee Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, January 17 (continued)

- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:00 pm. Governing Board
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, January 18

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Love and Respect Study
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, January 19

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Mount Olive Basketball Game
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 20

- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat-The Lord's Prayer

Saturday, January 21

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship Jan. 7-8)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	217	144
7:45 a.m.	109	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	382	
9 a.m. (FLC)	31	17
10:30 a.m (Sanctuary)	263	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	75	25
Total	1,077	186

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 1-7)	
General Fund Offerings	\$27,078
3rd QTD Offering	\$27,078
3rd QTD Budget	\$30,000

Outpouring of Love (Jan. 8-14)	
General Fund Offerings	\$22,573
3rd QTD Offering	\$49,651
3rd QTD Budget	\$57,000

Week of January 21-28, 2012

Saturday, January 21

- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Sunday, January 22

- 7:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Blend Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Casual Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Senior High Bible Study
- 9:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:20 a.m. Castaway
- 9:20 a.m. Grace Place
- 9:20 a.m. Lifelight Bible Study
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. H3 Worship Service in Family Life Center with Communion
- 10:50 a.m. Castaway
- 10:50 a.m. Grace Place
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:00 p.m. Dinner Theater Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, January 23

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

Tuesday, January 24

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Quarterly Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting
- 2:00 p.m. Worship Planning Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Mount Olive Basketball Game

Tuesday, January 24 (continued)

- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik Young Child
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Beginning Dance
- 6:00 p.m. Kindermusik Our Time
- 6:30 p.m. Premarriage Class
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 6:45 p.m. Kindermusik Imagine That
- 6:45 p.m. Creative Dance
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, January 25

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point
- 6:15 p.m. Marriage Love and Respect Study
- 6:15 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
- 7:30 p.m. Quest for Authentic Manhood

Thursday, January 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 5:00 p.m. Restorative Justice
- 6:00 p.m. Care Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare
- 6:30 p.m. Discovery 101
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, January 27

No scheduled activities

Saturday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. Knead to Loaf Bread Making
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Children's Attendance	Saturday 5:50 p.m.	Sunday 9:20 a.m.	Sunday 10:50 a.m.	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Preschool	14	18	24	24
Elementary	33	48	50	72
Total Children	47	66	74	96

Youth Attendance	Wednesday 6:15 p.m.
Junior High	29
Senior High	76
Total Youth	105

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

Educational time. We value families, so we encourage families to worship together. We will then invite the children to educational time on Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:20 and 10:50 a.m.

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

Discover reflection and celebration at this casual Saturday evening worship service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Saturdays of every month.

7:45 a.m. Sunday Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday Traditional Blend Worship in the Sanctuary

This worship service uses organ and piano-led hymns and songs as well as responsive liturgy. Our special music groups also perform on a regular basis. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of the month.

9 a.m. Sunday Casual Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Geared for those who are casual by nature, this service will offer a balance of high-energy and reflective worship. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion will be offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

10:30 a.m. H3 Young Family Contemporary Worship in the Family Life Center

Our H3 (Worship with your Head, Heart and Hands) casual service offers an atmosphere in which families are encouraged to worship together. Expect lively praise music, puppets and themed family activities. A pastor will lead the service, and the message will be a simulcast from Saturday night's service. Communion is offered the second and fourth Sundays of every month.

10:30 a.m. Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

Join us in the Sanctuary for high-energy and reflective worship that is awe-inspiring. Communion will be offered the first and third Sundays of every month.

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 when they are upset or crying.

Weekly Bible reading - Matthew 28:16-20 (NLT)

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

If you have any questions, please ask one of our members or stop by the Welcome Centers.

Education times

Children (ages 2- grade 5)

Grace Place

Saturdays at 5:50 p.m.
Sundays at 9:20 & 10:50 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.