



Holiday Burden or Christmas Peace?

It is rather ironic to think that we oftentimes allow ourselves to become burdened during this time of year. After all, didn't the angels herald peace on earth, good will toward men? And wasn't this newborn child called the Prince of Peace? And didn't this child declare peace to those he met during his lifetime?

But we all understand these heavenly realities can be overshadowed by intrusive or demanding circumstances that steal God's peace from our lives. To counteract those burdensome thoughts, let's take some time today to shed the cares that we carried this week, and etch God's peace more deeply into our minds and hearts.



Advent worship

Wednesday, Dec. 7 and 14 at 12:15-12:45 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

"All Things New: from Prophecy to Revelation." Advent is a time for all people to anticipate, remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The birth of Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of many prophecies from the Old Testament. In Christ's birth we see a new hope, new love and new joy for God's people.

For those working who have lunch time free, we're opening up the Sanctuary doors from 12:15-12:45 p.m. for Advent worship. Of course, we don't want you to go away hungry, so you can pick up a sack lunch after the service.



For our Advent evening worship, we invite multiple generations. No matter the age, we will begin in the Sanctuary for worship; the children and youth will then be invited to their educational time while the adults will remain for additional worship and educational time in the Sanctuary. Also, don't forget to stop by the Family Life Center from 5-5:45 p.m. to enjoy a meal (walking tacos). Cost is \$5 per adult; and \$2.50 per child or youth (2 years and under eat free).

Congregational vote

As we prepare for the vote, here is some information that you may need: According to the Gloria Dei Constitution (Article V, Section B) and the By-Laws (Article II, Section Four), matters of acquiring property and incurring indebtedness shall be determined by majority vote of those members who voted. However, due to the importance of this decision, the Governing Board has decided not to move forward with anything less than a 2/3 majority or 67 percent approval of those members who voted. *More information about the voting requirements and the absentee ballots are found on page 2.*

The vote

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 from 4-8 p.m. • Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 from 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Multi-site Ministry Comprehensive Plan—Aurora and Hickman Sites

- Improvements to the Aurora campus.
- Purchase and renovation of the property at 9060 Hickman Road.
- A total project cost not to exceed \$5 million according to the Financial Model in the Comprehensive Plan.

Cantata

You won't want to miss our Christmas Cantata, "Christmas is Coming," Sunday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Naomi Circle bake sale

Naomi Circle will have its annual Christmas bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4 in the Narthex and the entrance to Family Life Center. All proceeds will go to Naomi Circle's missions.

Giving Tree

Please return all your items to the Giving Tree by Sunday, Dec. 4.

Advent by Candlelight

Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Don't forget about this evening designed for women to prepare for the Christmas season.

Extended worship opportunities

Join us after Northwind worship on Dec. 10 for an additional time of praise, prayer and reflection.

2012 giving envelopes

Please take a minute and pick up your 2012 giving envelopes on the tables in the Narthex today.

BoyZ of Faith

Sunday, Dec. 4 from 6-7:15 p.m.

Boys in grades 4 and 5 are invited to study God's Word, work on a project and enjoy fellowship with each other.

Online Bible Study

A 12-week online Bible study, "An Untroubled Heart" by Micca Campbell, will begin January 1. Laura Rath will lead the study by posting thoughts relevant to the book weekly at www.laurarath.blogspot.com. Women are then invited to comment on the book and how God is working in their lives.

Why an online study?

An online study allows each participant the flexibility of reading and studying at a time that's best for her. There are no meetings to attend, so there are no scheduling conflicts.

How do I participate?

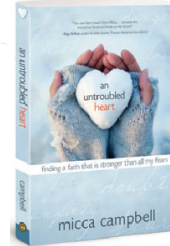
You only need the book, a Bible, access to the web, and a journal or notebook, if you choose. Each week there will be a suggested reading schedule and "An Untroubled Heart" posts on the blog. Comments to each post are encouraged!

How do I sign up?

To sign up for the "An Untroubled Heart" study, send an e-mail to: laurajrath@gmail.com with your name and e-mail address, as well as your city and state. By signing up you will receive the weekly reading schedule via e-mail.

What is the book about?

(from Micca Campbell's blog) Micca Campbell knows all too well the unpredictable nature of life. As the 21-year-old mother of an infant son, her world was shattered when she lost her husband to a tragic accident. Reeling from her loss, Micca feared for her future, and struggled to overcome her aching loneliness. Yet in her darkest moment, she discovered God's remedy for our deepest fears. Micca presents a woman's guide for living a carefree, worry-free life. She explores the anxieties of every woman's heart from insecurities, to finances, to marital challenges, to raising healthy children.



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Congregational vote

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Requirements: All members 18 years of age by December 17, 2011 are eligible to vote. Voting stations will be located in rooms 131/133, located in the west education wing. Members will sign in and receive a paper ballot. The completed ballot will be placed in a secured container. An eight-member team comprised of members of the Governing Board (3), and congregants (5) has been established and will oversee the voting process.

Absentee ballots: Absentee ballots are available by request, beginning November 28, 2011. A request for an absentee ballot must be received at the church office no later than noon, Central Standard Time, on Friday, December 9, 2011. Requests may be made by phone (515-276-1700), letter (8301 Aurora Ave., Urbandale, IA 50322), fax (515-276-5939), or e-mail to the attention of Diane Schmidt, Administrative Assistant, at diane@gloriadeionline.com.

Absentee ballots returned to the church office by U.S. mail must be postmarked by Monday, December 12, 2011, or can be hand delivered to the church office by noon on Friday, December 16. If your plans change, and you will be at the church during the voting hours listed, you may place your absentee ballot in the secured ballot container located in rooms 131/133. Please note that you must bring your absentee ballot with you (another ballot will not be given to you).

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LWML

Mary Esther Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 8 from 11:30 a.m. at Biaggi's for its annual Christmas party.

Miriam Circle will meet for a Christmas luncheon Sunday, Dec. 11 at noon at the home of Norma Rohn, 9612 Tanglewood, Urbandale

Naomi Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 8 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Gloria Dei for its Christmas potluck.

Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Lois Appelhons, 4519 96th St. Urbandale.

Ruth Circle will meet Monday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the home of Kay Readinger, 4210 132nd Street, Urbandale for its annual Christmas potluck and fellowship.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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



L Lucas Dean Johnston born on September 2, 2011 to Jeff and Jessica (nee Joens) Johnston. Lucas' spiritual sponsors are Matt and Kelli Van Meter.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, Dec. 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center is for:



T Talon James Wanderscheid born on January 14, 2009 to Paul and Lindsey (nee Mohr) Wanderscheid. Talon's spiritual sponsors are Lonnie and Kelly Davison.



O Orion Steven Wanderscheid born on November 29, 2010 to Paul and Lindsey (nee Mohr) Wanderscheid. Orion's spiritual sponsors are Steve and Debbie Wanderscheid.



L Lindsey Marie (Mohr) Wanderscheid, mother of Talon and Orion.



Altar flowers

The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 4 are provided by Jerry and Barbara Koepf in memory of their parents.

Open house for Reverend Riggert

The congregation is invited to an open house celebrating the ministry of Rev. Bob Riggert, on Friday, Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the IDW's office, 409 Kenyon Road, Fort Dodge.

Servers		
Officiant/Liturgist: 5:30 p.m. (FLC): Rev. Ron Burcham	Organist Sue Jesse	Hospitality Teams Northwind (FLC) Team Four
7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham	Acolytes 7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary): Courtney Wilson	7:45 a.m. (Sanctuary) Team Four
9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham	9 a.m. (Sanctuary): Peyton Swift	9 a.m. (Sanctuary) Team Five
9 a.m. (FLC): Rev. Phil Robarge	10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Hunter Vontalge	9 a.m. (FLC) TBD
10:30 a.m. (FLC): Rev. Phil Robarge	Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:6-7 Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)	10:30 a.m. (FLC) TBD
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary): Rev. Ron Burcham		10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary) Team Four
Preacher Rev. Ron Burcham		

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 our families

Prayers

For the health of:

- Irene Klinefelter
- Charleen Hilterbrand
- Ed Mautz
- John Carstens
- Lyle Kramer
- Brenda Barron
- Addison Blythe
- Tom and Carol Beedle
- Roesella Kretzschmer
- April Grimm
- Emma Anderson
- Katie Wollslager
- Sue Anderson
- Grace Phillips
- Dawn Pittmann

And for:

- For the grieving family of Tom Scarr, brother of Janet Tysse
- For Brian Cooper and Pat Cooper mourning the loss of their mother and grandmother

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.



Join us Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
Saturday, December 24

H3 (Young Family) Christmas Eve {Family Life Center}
| 4:00 |

Traditional Christmas Eve {Sanctuary}
| 3:00 | 4:30 | 6:00 | 7:30 |

Contemporary Christmas Eve {Family Life Center}
| 5:30 |

Christmas program

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary



“Sights and Sounds of Christmas.” Come and experience Christmas through the eyes of children as they express the wonder of Christmas through what they see and hear.

Senior adult Christmas party

You are invited to celebrate the joy of the season of Christ’s birth with one another on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of June Reed, 10023 Tanglewood Drive, Urbandale. There will be refreshments, singing of carols, and an opportunity to get to know one another better as we share the joy of Christ’s coming.

Christmas weekend worship

Sunday, Dec. 25 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Please note: Since Christmas falls on a Sunday, we will only have a Christmas Traditional Service at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All other worship services will not be held.

Tiny Treasures’ Christmas program



Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

(for 2 and 3-year-olds)

Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

(for 4/5-year-olds and PreKs)

The entire congregation is invited to the Tiny Treasures’ Christmas program, “Follow the Star.” Watch the preschool children as they enact how the wise men proclaimed the newborn Christ child by declaring, “We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him.”

Christmas caroling

Saturday, Dec. 17 from 2-5 p.m.; meal at 4:30 p.m.

We will meet in the Narthex to go Christmas caroling to our shut-ins and nursing home members. Following the caroling we will return to church for chili and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Phillips at 278-5544, ext. 204.



Gloria Dei Youth Ministry

Contact: Tim Kightlinger
tim@gloriadeionline.com

Senior high (9-12)

Bible Study Sunday at 9 a.m.

Join us for discussion about holiday burden or Christmas peace.

The Point - Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us for a multi-sensory active learning time.

Dec. 7 - Advent worship and class

Training Ground, Sunday evenings

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.).

Youth Christmas Party

Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 6-7:15 p.m.

The senior high youth are invited to join us for giveaways, food, a white-elephant gift exchange and good times.

Dinner theater rehearsals

April 27, 28 and 29 - Dinner theater rehearsals start in January. All teens and adults are invited to participate. We are looking for actors, directors, set designers, etc. Contact TK today.

Junior high (6-8)

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

Join us as we discuss holiday burden or Christmas peace.

Small Group - Wednesday from 6-7:15 p.m.

Students in grades 6-8 meet in small groups to discuss various topics.

Dec. 7 - Advent worship and class

Revolve Tour

April 21, 2012, Omaha, Neb.

Girls in grades 8-12 are invited to join an exciting, fun, girls only celebration! Join a thousand other girls from around the area and celebrate the gifts God has given you. Cost is \$60. More information can be found on the bulletin board.

Christmas program rehearsals

All children are invited to be involved in the program. It's fun, exciting and will be a great way to build friendships. So, come and enjoy.

Rehearsal times - 12:15-1:15 p.m.: Sunday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 10.

Sunday Meals - Meals are available for \$2.50 per child and adult.

Sunday, Dec. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Scrapbook fellowship

Friday, Dec. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. & Saturday, Dec. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come join the fun. For childcare, contact Carol Wenndt by Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 306-4352 (phone or text) with the date, times (start and finish) as well as the number of children.

Quilters

Friday, Dec. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. & Saturday, Dec. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

How are you doing on your quilts? Join us for a dose of inspiration in rooms 134/136/138. A lot of progress can be made by dedicating a few hours whether you're working on something quick and easy or a more complicated pattern.

Book club

The meeting for Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cry Room has been postponed until Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 6:15 p.m. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Comfort and Joy

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites you to an evening of piano music by local pianist, Pam Avaux of Urbandale, Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at Lutheran Church of Hope, 925 Jordan Creeek Parkway, West Des Moines.

GirlZ of Faith

Thursday, Dec. 15 from 6-7:15 p.m.

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

Week of December 3-10, 2011

Saturday, December 3

- 8:00 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Gingerbread Tea
- 12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Naomi Bake Sale
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:30 p.m. Johnston Baptism Dinner

Sunday, December 4

- 7:30 a.m. Naomi Circle Bake Sale
- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Parenting Teenagers for Positive Results
- 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
- 11:30 a.m. Christmas Program Practice Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. Carilloneurs
- 12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground
- 6:00 p.m. BoyZ of Faith
- 7:00 p.m. Cantata

Monday, December 5

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. XYZ (Extra Years of Zest)
- 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. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study
- 7:00 p.m. Central Iowa Knitters

Wednesday, December 7

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Advent Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point

Thursday, December 8

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Facilities MAT Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle
- 10:00 a.m. Joyful Stitchers
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration Home School Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Next Step
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Urbandale Community
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, December 9

- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. Giving Tree Pick-up
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsals
- 3:00 p.m. Senior Adult Christmas Party (June Reed's home)
- 3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:35 p.m. Extended Worship Time

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.—2 Corinthians 9:7

Thanksgiving	Attendance	Communion
Tuesday, Nov. 22	143	114
Thursday, Nov. 24	147	109
Total	290	223

Outpouring of Love (Nov. 26 and 27)	
General Fund Offerings	\$41,629
2nd QTD Offering	\$275,680
2nd QTD Budget	\$285,000

Week of December 10-17, 2011

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. Giving Tree Pick-up
- 8:30 a.m. Gloria Dei Quilters
- 8:30 a.m. Scrapbook Fellowship
- 12:15 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsals
- 3:00 p.m. Senior Adult Christmas Party
(June Reed's home)
- 3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
Family Life Center with Communion
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place
- 6:35 p.m. Extended Worship Time

Sunday, December 11

- 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
- 9:00 a.m. Parenting Teenagers for Positive
Results
- 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
- 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 659
- 2:30 p.m. Daisy Troop 407
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 806
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Program
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High Training Ground

Monday, December 12

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Connections
- 7:00 p.m. Urbandale Swim Club
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities MAT Meeting

Advent (Nov. 30)	Attendance
12:15 p.m.	71
6 p.m.	329
Total	400

Tuesday, December 13

- 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. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 7:00 p.m. Encourage Each Other Study

Wednesday, December 14

- 10:00 a.m. Pastor Robarge's Bible Study
- 12:15 p.m. Advent Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Alive
- 6:00 p.m. Junior High Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. Senior High - The Point

Thursday, December 15

- 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. Next Step
- 3:00 p.m. ICA Archery Training
- 6:00 p.m. Girlz of Faith
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Andrew Mayfield and Wendy Dennis
Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. DivorceCare
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry Meeting

Friday, December 16

- 4:00 p.m. Andrew Mayfield and Wendy Dennis
Wedding

Saturday, December 17

- 2:00 p.m. Setsodi Birthday Party
- 2:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
- 3:45 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- 4:00 p.m. Congregational Vote
- 5:30 p.m. Northwind Worship Service in the
Family Life Center
- 5:50 p.m. Grace Place

Worship (Nov. 26 and 27)	Attendance	Communion
Northwind	136	100
7:45 a.m.	105	
9 a.m. (Sanctuary)	285	
9 a.m. (FLC)	33	20
10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)	295	
10:30 a.m. (FLC)	88	24
Total	942	144

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

Families: 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 - Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

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.