

Throughout the month of December we are asking all members and friends to intentionally focus their prayers on the specific items listed on each calendar date. The **daily prayer calendar for December** is available on the table in the back.

Today is the last day to buy tickets for the **Women's Advent Tea!** If you're interested in attending, a chairperson will be at the table in the foyer after worship today to assist you in signing up or answer any questions you may have. Tickets are \$17 each and must be paid for upon purchase. Also, all of our server positions have been filled and we want to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to all the men who signed up to work this event!

POPCORN, Get your **Popcorn HERE!** Monday, December 9 at 4:00, Amazing Grace Church will be doing an outreach in the middle school where we will bless those in attendance at the Girls' Middle School Basketball game with free popcorn. We already have a crew for this time, but if you would be interested in taking part in one of these "blessing nights" in the future talk to Pastor Gary. And please be praying that our community would see the love of Jesus through us at this event.

Ministry opportunities for 2025 are still available! We need a nursery caregiver, an easy worship operator, a few greeter/offering/Communion stewards, and fellowship hour hosts. At the bottom of the Communication Card are boxes to check to indicate that you want to volunteer to serve on a rotational basis in 2025. Once you have checked a box (or boxes), you do not need to mark it again. If you have any questions about what is entailed, please call the office and speak with Jennifer.

Coming Soon...**Christmas Sweater Sunday!** Do you have a beautiful or quirky Christmas sweater that you are just itching to wear? Break it out for our service on December 22 and show off your Christmas style!

Mary Phillips Dec. 5
Noah LaValley Dec. 14
Carole Coomer Dec. 21



Michele Grappin Dec. 22
Jacklynn Patterson Dec. 23
Jim Louwsma Dec. 24



Courteny Deel Dec. 26
Dakota Deel Dec. 27
Dave Rummery Dec. 31



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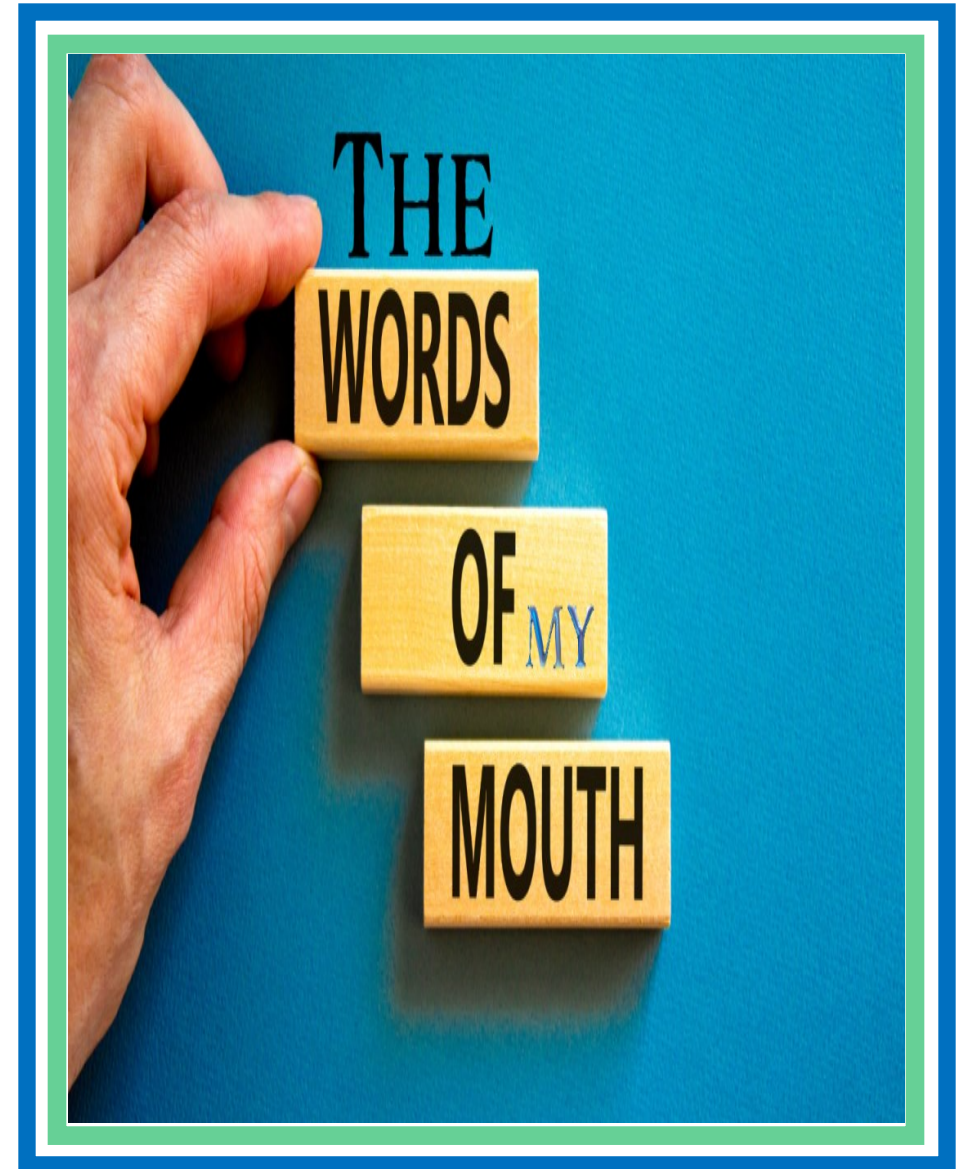
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Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly



December 1, 2024

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

“Agnus Dei”

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Welcome & Community Opportunities

Songs of Praise

“Here I Am To Worship”

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Sharing Our Joys and Requests

Prayer of the Congregation

Children’s Worship There is no children’s worship time today.

Song of Preparation

“Hail to The Lord’s Anointed”

Message “How Should a Christian Handle Gossip?”

Offering Please bring your *offering/tithe* and *Communication Card* with you as you come forward to receive Communion and place them in the offering plate on the aisle.

Holy Communion

Song of Commitment

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Blessing and Benediction



We practice an open table for Communion. All who love the Lord Jesus Christ and seek to walk in His ways are welcome to partake of the Communion elements. ***A gluten-free communion wafer is available***

Verse of the Day

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those that hear them.”

Ephesians 4:29 NLT



Kid’s bulletins on clipboards, for ages 3-6 and 7-12, are available in the lobby.

The **Elders Prayer Group** meets for the purpose of intercessory prayer every Wednesday morning at 8:30. Everyone is encouraged to write their prayer requests and praises on the back of the white communication card so the Elders can both pray for your needs and give thanks for your blessings.

The adult discipleship group

“Living Water” meets on Sundays at 9:15 am.

The group is currently using a study guide entitled

“The Jesus Paul Knew”.

All adults of the church are welcome and invited to join together and learn more of God’s word. Books can be obtained at the class on Sunday morning.



Sunday: Living Water Adult Discipleship Group, 9:15 am in the fellowship hall
Youth 4 God Bible Study, 9:15 am in the lower level Youth

Wednesday: Elders Prayer Group, 8:30 am in pastor’s office
Youth 4 God for Middle School and High School students, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

We are **partnering with Love INC.** for our local Advent mission outreach by helping provide a delicious Christmas dinner for 400 families in need. The mission of Love in the Name of Christ “is to work with local churches and agencies to create a place where neighbors with physical, financial, relational, and spiritual needs can find practical help and hope.” We will be helping fulfill that mission by providing mashed potatoes and gravy for their Christmas Dinner. You can be a part of this community outreach by selecting an “ornament” from the bulletin board in the fellowship hall and giving a monetary donation in the amount noted on it. Envelopes for this are available on the board. Please include your selected “ornament” (with your name written on it) in the provided envelope with your donation during our regular offering time. If you have any questions, please see Scott Adlridge.

The **Women of Grace in Mission** will hold their monthly meeting today in the fellowship hall after our worship service. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Our church **Christmas Mailbox** is set up in the fellowship hall for inter-church mail. Place your cards in the lettered slots by the recipient’s last name. Be sure to check your mailbox weekly for cards that have been “mailed” to you. Please use USPS to send cards to members unable to attend church in person.



2025 offering envelope packets will be available shortly. If you currently do not receive a packet and would like to, please see Jennifer Smith or call the church

Serving this week: “ serve one another in love” Galatians 5:13

Doormen & Greeter *This Week:* Scott & Kathleen Brady

Next Week: Kathy Smelis & Florence Welch

Easy Worship Operator *This Week:* Scott Brady

Next Week: Cassi Deel

Children’s Worship Leader *This Week:* No children’s worship time today.

Next Week: Rebecca Gucciardi

Nursery Caregiver: *This Week:* Kathleen Brady

Next Week: Karen Jackson