

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**  
**December 21, 2014**

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH**

Lord God, heavenly Father, with You nothing is impossible and through the mystery of the incarnation You have provided me a Savior whom You promised of old. Though I am unable to understand Your ways, by the power of Your Holy Spirit You have made me wise unto salvation giving to me the gift of faith. Nurture me by Your Word so that I always rejoice in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, who was born to die for me to grant me forgiveness unto eternal life. In His name I pray. Amen

**WELCOME**

**Welcome to Grace!** The celebration of Christ's birth is rapidly approaching and we may be overwhelmed with all of the last minute details before we gather with family and friends. It is good to take this time this morning to reflect upon the wonder of the mystery of how our God worked through simple, sinful human beings to provide them and us with the marvelous gift of forgiveness and eternal reconciliation. It will also be good to go to the manger on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to once again remember that Jesus is the greatest gift ever given.

We are glad you are here today! If you are visiting with us we especially welcome you to Grace. We invite you to come and worship with us again. We ask everyone to fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher during the Offering. Children will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for those who have need. Restrooms are also located downstairs in this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or ushers.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 10:45 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

**AS WE GATHER**

All three lessons for this Fourth Sunday in Advent give us cause to glorify God. We give glory to God for the Christ who first came in the womb of the Virgin Mary at Bethlehem. We give glory to God for the Christ who continues to come to us through Word and Sacrament. We give glory to God for the Christ who will come again on the Last Day. Our doxology is no generic praise and thanksgiving but the specific doxology to the Father for sending His Son with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. This is the mystery once hidden, disclosed through the prophets, and finally made plain in the coming of the Christ.

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by John Ketcher in honor of his mother Betty Ketcher who celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on December 20<sup>th</sup> and in thanksgiving for his Grace Family and God's many blessings.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Vicar:		David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Ginger Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Paula Walter
Ushers:	(8:15)	Roy Andrews, Roy Bullard John Ketcher, Gary Proud
Greeter:	(8:15)	Debbie Penny
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Angie Proud, Sheila Wilimzig
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Lauren Faulkner
Cantor:	(10:45)	Suzanne Lambert
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Greg Warren
Ushers:	(10:45)	Ron Krueger, Gervais LeBlanc Jacob Ralston, Jeff Ralston
Greeters:	(10:45)	Terry, Tammy and Cole Hill
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ginny Ralston
Trombone:		Christina Junkans
Coffee Host:		
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** - The appointed readings for next Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, the First Sunday after Christmas, are: The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, The Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7, and The Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pre-Service Music

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - David Maxwell*

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

*Arise, O Christian People - Anne Krentz Organ*

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Arise, O Christian People

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### **Confession of Sins (8:15)**

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen**

### **Confession of Sins (10:45)**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*John 20:19–23*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Ps. 19:1, 4c, 5-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a, b*

**P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;

**C** let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

**P** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**C** In them he has set a tent for the sun,

**P** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

**C** and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**P** Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

**C** and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

## Gloria Patri



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re - jice! Re - jice!  
 Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - - men.

Sit

**Anthem**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - Wilbur Held*

**Old Testament Reading**

*2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.  
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*  
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

**Epistle**

*Romans 16:25–27*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**Alleluia and Verse**

*Matt. 1:23a*



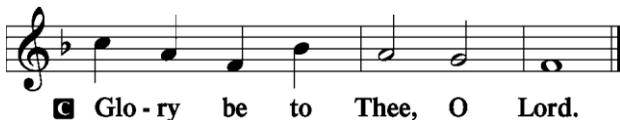
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** Behold, the virgin shall conceive and | bear a son,\*  
and they shall call his name Im- | manuel.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.



*The reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Apostles' Creed (8:15)

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen

## Nicene Creed (10:45)

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen

*Sit*

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Service Note: Stanza Four - Women, Stanza Five - Men.

Sermon

Romans 16:25-27

“The Mystery...Now Disclosed”

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Sam Eatherton

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition ends with the following:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with the following:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen**

**10:45 Service continues on the next page**

## Service Concludes (8:15)

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen**

## Collect

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen

## Closing Hymn: O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

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## Postlude

*O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide - Kenneth T. Kosche*



## Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**G** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13



Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*



**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



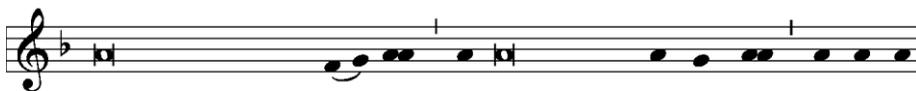
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem - brance of Me.” In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

## Distribution

**Communion Instructions:** The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied  
Hymn: Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord  
Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.  
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



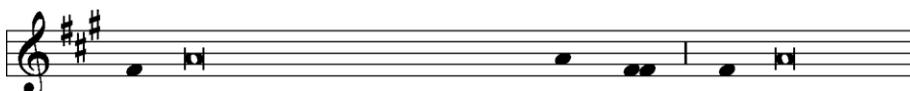
**A** Bless we the Lord.



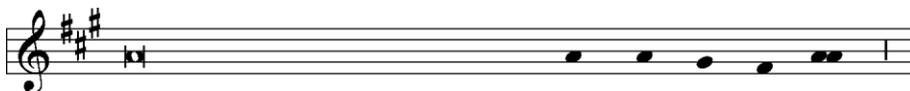
**B** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

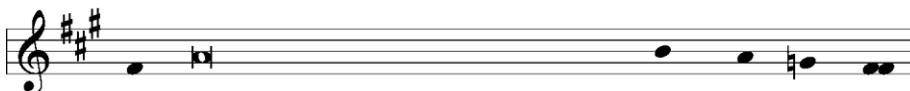
*Numbers 6:24–26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

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## Postlude

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service  
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor  
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall  
9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church  
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall  
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion  
3:00 p.m. – Children’s Christmas Program  
Grace Youth will go caroling following the program
- MON - TUES:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- TUESDAY:** 5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir  
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)  
**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon - Church Office closed at noon**  
**7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
- THURSDAY:** 9:00 a.m. – Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion
- FRIDAY:** Church Office and ECDC Closed

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** – The birth of Jesus serves as the focus of today’s lesson for today. The Son of God became what we are, human, to make us what He is, a child of the heavenly Father. *Consider discussing*, “*Why is it important that Jesus became a human like you and I? Why is it important that Jesus was both God and man?*”

**PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS** meets upstairs in Parker Hall. Today we continue with the study entitled *The Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe*. Have you ever talked with a Mormon? They sound Christian because they say all the right Christian words and phrases: they confess Jesus Christ as their Savior—they even include His Name in their official church name: “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” They baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. They believe in heaven and hell, and they believe you cannot get to heaven without Jesus’ atonement. But is using Christian terms enough to make any of us Christians? Does it mean we have saving faith? This study from Lutheran Hour Ministries will acquaint you with the Mormons—who they are, what they believe, and the meaning behind the Christian phrases that they use, and it will equip you for sharing the truth of Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in classrooms downstairs in the church.

**LECTERN FLOWERS** - The flowers at the Lectern today are given by Rob, Diane, John and Lise Bischof in loving memory of their sister Sherry Rothchild Bischof and in honor of their brother Rudy Bischof. They would have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

Dec. 21 – Linda and Stephen Douglas

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

Dec. 23 – Mike Litwa

Dec. 26 – Bobby Bemberg, Mary Ann Dyer,  
Andrea Faulkner, Gary Goldsby, Cole Hill

Dec. 27 – Mona DeMilt, Zachary de Anda

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Bud Evans is recovering following surgery.

Bobby Bemberg is recovering following hand surgery.

Pearl Spotts is recovering following a fall.

Carol Jones is recovering at home following surgery.

Joan Ann Olsen is recovering in rehab in Maumelle.

Allen Deislinger is continuing his recovery at home.

Dennis Fastenau has completed his treatments and is recovering at home.

Rudy Bischof has completed treatments and praying for successful test results.

**REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR IN PRISON:**

Remember the following with a note this Christmas and include them in your prayers:

Irvin Clawitter – 12023 Rainwood Road, Little Rock, AR 72212

Allen Deislinger – 11 Rosewood Circle, Little Rock, AR 72205

Dennis Fastenau – 15 Hornrimme, Maumelle, AR 72113

Jan Grant – 14300 Chenal Parkway, #7290, Little Rock, AR 72211

Tullio Jacuzzi – 220 Goshen Avenue, North Little Rock, AR 72116

Bill Jones – 800 Napa Valley Drive #126, Little Rock, AR 72211

Joan Ann Olsen – The Lakes at Maumelle Health & Rehab,  
103 Alexandria Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113

Beth Paulson – 1123 Gillette, Little Rock, AR 72227

Robert Rawlings – ADC #141942, Pine Bluff Unit, 890 Freeline Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71603

Pearl Spotts – Parkway Village, Shell Center #13, 14322 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72211

J. C. 'Bud' Tschiemer – 2112 N. McKinley, Little Rock, AR 72207

Katy West – Reg. No. 25466-009 Federal Medical Center Carswell Camp,  
P. O. Box 27137, NAS/JRB, TX 76127

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance:** Sunday 12/14: 166 (8:15 – 87 and 10:45 – 79). Advent Service 12/17: 77. **Offerings:** Sunday 12/14: \$6,846.28. Advent Service: \$555.00. Missions: \$25.00. Member Assistance: \$50.00. Memorials: \$275.00. Building Fund \$245.00. Scholarship Fund: \$15.00.

**CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR WORSHIP SERVICES** - Join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, **on Christmas Eve for the Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m.**, **on Christmas Day for worship at 9:00 a.m.** and **on New Year's Eve for worship at 7:00 p.m.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** - Emily Junkans was honored as the recipient of the C. R. Bates Spiritual Aims Award from Grace by the Pulaski Heights Kiwanis Club at a banquet on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Walter and Joel and Gina Junkans also attended the banquet. Congratulations, Emily!!

**CONGRATULATIONS** – On December 13<sup>th</sup>, Anna Junkans graduated summa cum laude with degree in Family and Consumer Science from the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Congratulations, Anna!!!

**OUR THANKS** to everyone who helped decorate the Christmas trees and the sanctuary for Christmas. Last Saturday the trees were trimmed by Dawn Cline, Carol Ann Honeywell, John Ketcher, Janet Killough, Randy Middaugh, Riley Middaugh, Angie Proud, Gary Proud and Sheila Wilimzig; and last week Kay Jenkins hung the beautiful wreaths and swags in the sanctuary.

**2014 COOKIE WALK** was an outstanding success. Thank you to everyone who donated to the endeavor in any way, those who baked, those who bought, and those who donated. Thanks to your giving, we raised \$1587 to assist 2 of our Grace families. The Davis family not only benefited from your generosity but also from a \$550 Thrivent Financial for Christians match. Our prayers are with that family as Wes battles cancer.

**2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are on the table on the bridge as you go across to Parker Hall. Please pick them up today but DO NOT begin using them until 2015.

**2015 FLOWER CALENDAR** is posted in the Ushers' room at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up for the date that you would like to place flowers on the altar in 2015. The chart fills up quickly, so sign up now.

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP** - Please check the list on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sign up for a Sunday morning to serve refreshments during coffee fellowship.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** Your Portals of Prayer for January – March, 2015 are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy for next year and then remember to recycle your old ones.

**ALTAR GUILD** - The 2015 Altar Guild schedule is posted on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please sign up for the month and service where you would like to serve. If you haven't served before, contact Angie Proud for more information.

**LUTHERAN BIBLE COMPANION** - If you missed the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to order the *Lutheran Bible Companion*, we are going to place another one on **December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. You can order your copy by signing up on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sending your check for \$49.99 to the church office. **This is the last order we will place to get this sale price - the deadline for this order is TODAY, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**MEMORIALS -**

**IN MEMORY OF MRS. ARLEEN SAENGER** – Mother of Samantha Saenger  
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Jeff and Ginny Ralston

TO THE SHERRY BISCHOF MEMORIAL FUND

By Robert and Carole Nichols

TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND

By Marietta Gutierrez

**IN MEMORY OF MR. BILL WILKINS**  
TO THE SHERRY BISCHOF MEMORIAL FUND

By Robert and Carole Nichols

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Lucia Jones

Jeff and Ginny Ralston

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**IN MEMORY OF MR. FRANK GUTIERREZ**  
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Rudy Bischof

## Financial Peace University

**Financial Peace University (FPU)** is again coming to Grace. Dave Ramsey is a nationally syndicated personal money management expert who founded Financial Peace University and has written several New York Times best sellers on personal finances. The Board of Evangelism and the Board of Endowment are pleased to bring FPU to Grace in January as a mission outreach. This is a 9 week course which covers a wide range of financial topics such as “Cash Flow Planning”, “Dumping Debt”, “Understanding Insurance”, “Understanding Investments”, and many other personal money management topics. The messages are designed to teach you how to handle God’s money God’s way. The average family taking the course pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 90 days. Please help us get the word out to family, friends and neighbors who might be interested in attending. Many members of Grace have already been through this course and would be glad to speak to you about it.

Register at [www.GraceLutheranLR.org/FPU](http://www.GraceLutheranLR.org/FPU). The cost is \$93 for materials purchased on the website when you sign up.

Riley and Randy Middaugh have coordinated many classes and look forward to seeing you there!

Financial Peace University

Begins Sunday, January 11

4:00-6:00 pm

Cost: \$93 /couple (or single)

Register at [www.GraceLutheranLR.org/FPU](http://www.GraceLutheranLR.org/FPU)

Childcare available

Contact Randy Middaugh at [rsm003@aol.com](mailto:rsm003@aol.com) for questions