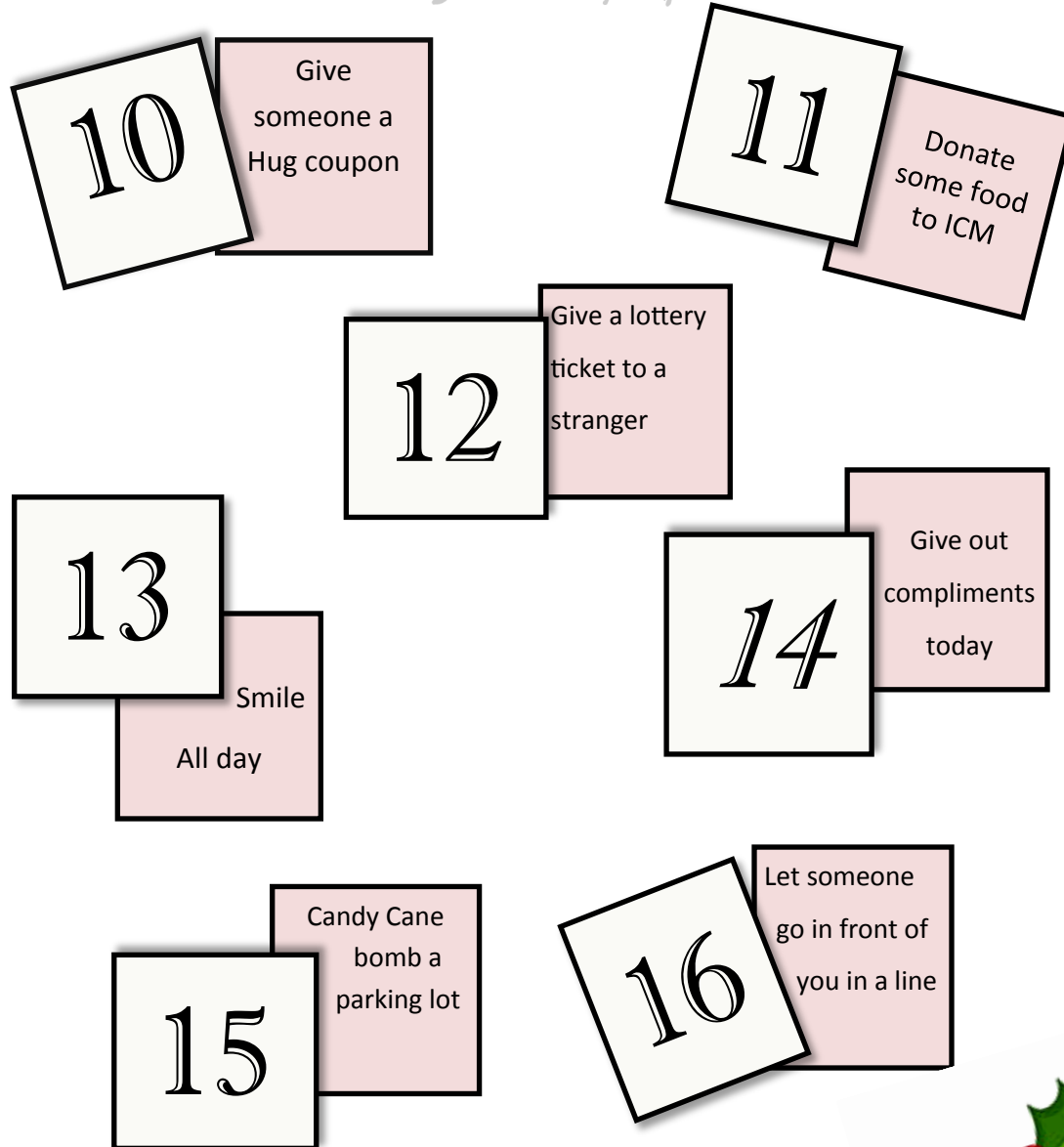


Community of Grace

December 10, 2017



The Celebration of Worship



GATHERING

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

*The Choral Opening

"Hark the Herald"

Scripture Reading
and Luke 3:1-16

Isaiah 2:1-5

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

RESPONDING

*The Call to Gathering

Leader: The shepherds said, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass that the Lord has made known to us."

People: Be with us, God, as we journey this season back to Bethlehem.

Leader: The Angels sang: "Glory to God in the Highest"

All: "And on earth peace, good will to all."

*The Invocation (Please pray together)

Almighty God, In whose Eternity our transient lives are held, whose will is our peace, who has come among us in great humility, make us wise to wait for thee, to wish for thee, to watch for thee until the breaking of the day.

*The Opening Hymn
"Carol Medley"

Advent Songbook

ENGAGING

Prayers of the People

The Choral Reflection
"Angels Carol"

The Journey Continues

The Choral Meditation
"The First Noel"

SOJOURNING

*The Hymn of Benediction
"The First Noel"

Advent Songbook
*The Benediction

*The Choral Benediction
"Rejoice"

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Advent offering this year will go to the
Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Disaster Relief
These funds will be distributed to Puerto Rico and Mexico.

Today – Church Conference. 9:00am
Blood Drive – 12:00pm to 4:30pm

December 11 – Serve at Shelter Supper. 4:45pm

December 17 – Christmas Potluck with the
Resident Staff of 5th Street
6:00pm

December 20 — Longest Day Service
6:00pm

December 24 – Worship at 11:00am. No Sunday School
Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm.

Second Hour Helpers

Today – Susie Wiberg and Kevin Angell
Alt. Linda Marshall
December 17 – Sheri Coarsey and David Comer
Alt. Andora Nicholson
December 24 – Linda Marshall and Eli Yacinthe
Alt. Susie Wiberg

Church Maintenance

Before next Sunday – Tilley
Dec. 24 – Koppelmeyer/Adams
Dec. 31 – Bradley

BUDGET UPDATE

Needed year to date: \$81,549.23
Received year to date: \$96,053.99
Over budget: \$14,504.76
Weekly needs: \$1664.27

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

12 - *Jocelyn Shuford*

13 - *John Munson*

Anniversary

13 - John and Xochitl Koppelmeyer

CONCERNS

Continue to remember:

Bill Robertson family, Scott Young family, Roy Rogers family, Cindy Atkins,
Lee Ann Seely, Donna and Christopher Hahn, John Nicholson's family,
First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Chris' dad, healthcare workers and
caregivers, Las Vegas massacre victims and families, Billie Bourgeois,
all God's people, those affected by the recent Hurricanes,
Earthquakes and Wild fires, homeless children,
Our Nations Immigrants.

Mary Alice Woods, Tressie Starrette, Nellie Grant,
Ernie Hendrix, Mary Ruth Godfrey, Rosemary Rector,
Ernestine Lanford, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose,
Beecher Grose.

Those facing tough times: those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those
who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world, children
who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West,
Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey,
Austin Frutig, Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower,
Logan Frutig, Caleb Sisk.

*WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that your being present
will bring joy and peace and presence of God to you.*

You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.

*If you are interested in joining this congregation as we seek to discern and live
out God's call to us, please speak to our pastor or a church member.
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