



## Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church!

Those in need of prayer this week: **Buffy, Steve, Fr. Peter, Gerri, BJ and those displaced by fires.**

Those in need of longterm care and prayers: Joan, Steve, Barbara, Jeff, Toby, Bambi, Nancy, Mary, Jan, Gabrielle, Pat, Bob, Patty, Rick, Roger.

**Poinsettia Donation envelopes are in the racks on the back of the pews. Donations start at \$10. Thank you.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Tuesday, December 4** - Men's Discussion Group at 10:30am. No lunch  
- Grace team in the Soup Kitchen

**Friday, November 30** - Morning Prayer at 8:30am in the Chapel.

**Thursday, December 6** - Advent Study at 5:30pm. (This Thursday ONLY)

**Saturday, December 8** - 10 - Noon Outdoor Cleanup Day. Sandwiches provided. **Altar Guild needs help with the Christmas Tree.**

**Sunday, December 9** - Christmas Caroling after 10:30am service See Jean Brown for more information.

**Thursday, December 20** - English Christmas Tea at Marcia's home at 12:30pm. Call Marcia to RSVP.

**Monday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Service at 8:00pm

**Tuesday, December 25** - Christmas Service at 10:30am.

**DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IS WEDNESDAY AT 2:00PM.**

Several Stewardship opportunities are available and needed. See the large clipboard near the credenza.

### *Scripture Forecast:*

<b>December 10</b> - 2 Advent <b>Malachi 3:1-4</b> <b>Canticle 16</b> <b>Philippians 1:3-11</b>	<b>December 17</b> - 3 Advent <b>Zephaniah 3:14-20</b> <b>Canticle 9</b> <b>Philippians 4:4-7</b>
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### *Stewards of the Service NEXT Saturday 5:30pm 12-8*

Kate Johns	Chalice Bearer
D Johns/K Johns	Lectors
K Johns	Intercessor
Aaron Lund	Musician
Yvonne Lambros	BC on call
TBD	Fellowship

**Thank You all Stewards of the Service**



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Welcome! On the first Sunday of Advent, the liturgy is concerned with our preparation for the return of Christ at the end of time. The Gospel reading today is a portion of Jesus' words concerning that time. We are called to see the events of history as signs of the approaching end and to recognize that end as the coming of our redemption.

In the Old Testament reading today, Jeremiah ministered around the time when Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians in 586 BC. In bad times, he told of God's love for his people. "... this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory ..." Our passage was edited or written centuries later. We hear that it is a certainty that a time will come when God will complete his obligations under his covenant with the Israelites.

The second reading is from Paul's first Thessalonian letter. His letters to the church in Thessalonica were prompted by difficulties in that congregation, due to their misunderstanding of the Lord's promise to return. In today's reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to see their ministry and mutual love as the way to prepare for the Lord's return.

There is an "already, but not yet" aspect to the New Testament's discussion of the Lord's return. God's kingdom is not limited to a time in the far-off future; it began breaking into human history in Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lord comes to judge and to save in each moment in the life of his people. Above all, he is revealed in our encounter with him in the eucharistic meal.

### *Stewards of the Service NEXT Sunday 10:30am 12-9*

Ray/Lucy Kelly	Ushers
Kathryn Miller	Acolyte
Doug Gilbert	Chalice Bearer
Walt Brickwedel/TBD	Lectors
TBD	Intercessor
Susan Talley	Musician
Phoebe Love	BC on Call
Eve Brickwedel	Fellowship

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