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Christmas for Everyone
Outreach & Service Opportunity



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Christmas Worship Experience
Sun., Dec. 15, 6-8 pm
WS South Sanctuary

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Children's Christmas Pageant
"A Christmas Star"

It's a boy!

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE: Choosing Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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Dec. 1, 2019
8:15 & 9:45 am

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Dec. 1, 2019 • 11:15 am

- Prelude** Christina Johnson & Janet Bell
- Greetings & Life in the Church** Ben Downey
- Call to Worship** Psalm 103
Leader: Praise the LORD O my soul. With all that is within me, praise his holy name.
People: Praise the LORD, O my soul. Do not forget all his kind deeds.
Leader: He forgives all your sins, He heals all your diseases, He deliver your life from the Pit.
People: He crowns you with his loyal love and compassion, who satisfies your life with good things.
Leader: He does not deal with us as our sins deserve He does not repay us as our misdeeds deserve.
All: Praise the LORD, all that he has made in all the regions of his kingdom. Praise the LORD, O my soul.
- Songs of Worship & Praise**
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| <i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> | No. 244 |
| <i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> | No. 277 |
- Old Testament Reading** Lamentations 3:19-27
- Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**
- Song of Thanksgiving** *Once In Royal David's City (v. 1-2,4)* No. 286
- New Testament Reading** Ephesians 2:1-10
- Message** *Choosing Grace* Rev. Shari Grover
- The Lord's Supper**
- Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**
- Offering** *People Look East* Amy Bjerke, Dan Bell, Rebecca Datin, Ryan Grandy
- Doxology & Celebration of Life**

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Choosing Grace

SERMON NOTES

- I. How do we make our home a place where people will want to come home to?

- II. Introduction - What is grace?

- III. How do we show grace in our families?
 - G - Gratitude

 - R - Rejoice with one another

 - A - Attitudes of acceptance

 - C - Confession

 - E - Expressions of grace; words that build up

- IV. Which of the five areas of GRACE, as described today, do you feel led to work on and pray about?

- V. Conclusion

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sharing Life Together

1. What are some of your favorite memories about Christmas in the past in your family?

2. What are some things that you're hoping and praying might be part of your Christmas this year?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - cont

Reflecting on the Message Together

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. How does the world see this biblical truth of being **dead in our sins**?

2. What are some **barriers** to people receiving God's grace in their lives?

3. Re-read Ephesians 2:4-5. How can people grow into a **deeper experience of God's grace** in our lives? What is the role of faith and the Holy Spirit?

4. How is **gratitude** lived out in your life and in your family's life? Do you have any habits or practices that help you **live out gratitude** in your family or community?

5. What are some ways you could learn to **rejoice** more often in your family or community? Are you someone who rejoices rather easily, or is rejoicing more challenging for you?

6. Since we cannot "see" someone's **attitude of acceptance**, how do people in our family know if they are accepted or not? What is the difference between **accepting people** and **accepting their choices**?

7. Read James 5:15. Did you grow up with parents or other family members who modeled **confessing to one another** after hurt? How does confession work in your family or community now?

8. When you think about **expressing yourself with grace**, how do you think you're doing on the 5-1 ratio of positive to negative communication with your family or community?

9. How can we pray for one another?