

A message from the Pastor Ken,

“Lord, now you will let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for mine eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all peoples...” Luke 2:29-30

There is a longing within us for the world to be right: for the hungry and homeless to be filled with good things; for wealthy arrogant rulers to be brought down; and for things to finally be made right. This is what Simeon and Anna had longed for. They had waited year after year, praying and hoping that God would send a Savior. Simeon was insistent that God would provide an answer in his lifetime! As we end one calendar year and begin another, may God’s Word fill us with this same hope for our lives, our ministry, and the world in which we live. In the midst of the brokenness, suffering, and pain, may God work through us to make our world right!

The following prayer was shared at the end of the sermon on Sunday, December 31. It is a prayer composed by John Wesley and is used frequently in the Wesley/Methodist tradition as part of the Covenant Renewal Service at the beginning of the New Year. It is a prayer that directs us to surrender to God’s will in the coming year.

I give myself completely to you, O God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for you. Give me the work you would have me do. Give me many tasks or have me step aside while you call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you. And now, holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. May this covenant made on earth continue for all eternity. Amen.

FAMILY PROMISE - is here! Grace is hosting two families – three adults and six children, ages 11, 8, 6, 5, 5 and 1.5. Sign up sheets have been posted in the Fellowship Hall on the table near the offering envelopes. Check with Sig Huitt to see if any additional help is needed (sighuitt@gmail.com).

2018 SUPPER CLUB - Supper Club is a social gathering of 8 people who share a meal & get to know each other. It’s a lot of fun especially if you are new to the congregation. Please indicate on the tear & share or on the sign up in the fellowship hall if you’d be interested in joining for 2018. There are typically 4 suppers scheduled between January and September: 3 where you will be with 8 people to share a meal, 1 where everyone in supper club & anyone interested in finding out about supper club have a group gathering held in June, July or August. Welcome your new chairpersons, Nick & Jill Grossoehme. They will set up the schedule for 2018 in January. If you are interested please sign up and or call the Grossoehmes at 803 372-8180.

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING - The Safety Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 PM in Room 107**. Safety Committee members would like to invite any committee chairs that would like to attend, and let them know that all of Grace members have a part of safety at church. For more information, contact Floyd Ritchie (floyda@comporium.net).

GYM NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING - We will be having a National Youth Gathering Meeting Jan. 14th at 6:00PM in the youth room. The 14th is also the deadline for the next \$100 payment for the National Youth Gathering.

PUBLIC RELATIONS - meets Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Conference Room to plan for 2018.

2018 COUNCIL INSTALLATION - will be at the post communion prayer (8:30 AM) and at the announcements (11:00 AM) on Sunday, January 7.

GRACE CALENDAR

TUESDAY - January 2

FAMILY PROMISE

6:30 PM NO WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM AA (101)

WEDNESDAY - January 3

FAMILY PROMISE

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:00 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - January 4

FAMILY PROMISE

HUNGER OUTREACH

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)

FRIDAY - January 5

FAMILY PROMISE

HUNGER OUTREACH

5:30 PM AA (101)

SATURDAY - January 6

FAMILY PROMISE

2:00 PM NESAs Banquet (FH, Kit, 107)

SUNDAY - January 7

FAMILY PROMISE

COUNCIL INSTALLATION AT BOTH SERVICES

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)
9:45 AM Council Election of Officers (Common)
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Worship
4:30 PM GYM (Youth)
7:00 PM AA (101)

January 7, 2018 Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Vicky and Bob Goodbar

Muggers:

Martha Hester and Larry Winsch

Nursery:

Tammie Harbert

Tabulators:

Bea and Jack Lockwood

Altar Guild:

Dee Westbrook and Betsy Bartel

Home Communion Ministers:

Seigler; Johnson; Bartel/Cafarella

8:30 AM

Lector: Jill Grossoehme

Communion Assistant: Bob Schavey

Petitioner: Erika Bell

Crucifer: Emory Beer

Acolytes: Grace Bell, Kaila Stegall

Greeter: Sig Huitt

Ushers: Floyd Ritchie, Kevin Winsch,

Doug Gay, Kendall Anderson

11:00 AM

Lector: April Peterson

Communion Assistant: Debbie Gignac

Petitioner: Kathy Schwandt

Crucifer: Cameron Cassidy

Acolytes: Dawson Harbert,

Charlotte DeMartino

Greeter: Don Horst

Ushers: Wally Seigler, Eric Waataja,

Dennis Hogue

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FEBRUARY 2018

GYM Ski Trip - February 9-11, 2018

JUNE/JULY 2018

National Youth Gathering -
Houston, Texas - June 27 - July 1, 2018