

**Tuesday 11/21**

9:30 am Grace Bridge (Parlor)  
2:00 pm GP2 – Grace Prays at 2  
4:30 pm Yoga Bliss (Bell Hall)

**Sunday 11/26**

9:00 am Sunday School  
Children & Youth (Room 110)  
Wired Word (Room 202)  
Morning Glory (Room 204)  
Men’s Class (Room 205)  
10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
11:30 am Lunch & Advent Decorating



**Prayer Requests**

Jerry & Peggy Lewis, Rev. Jim Huffaker, Dalene Kelly,  
Jennifer Blanks, Janet Taylor, Ellen Rumph,  
Dana Berry, Cliffe Burch, Jasper & Gerri Jasperson,  
Bob & Kristi Rice (Missionaries)

**\*\*\* Your spiritual and prayer needs are important to us; however, the pastor is not always immediately available.**

**If you need to make an appointment with the pastor or would like to schedule a visit from the pastor, please call the church office. \*\*\***

**School and Church Office Closures**

Grace Preschool and Afterschool Care will be closed  
Monday, November 20 – Friday, November 24  
The Church Office will be closed  
Thursday & Friday, November 23 – 24.

**Advent Decorating**

**Sunday, November 26**

Please mark your calendars for November 26!  
This will be a fun time of decorating our sanctuary and foyer for the Advent season. A light lunch will be provided for those that will be participating in decorating immediately following the Sunday worship service. After lunch, we will begin to decorate the church. There is a sign-up sheet by the coffee station in the front hallway. Please sign-up to give us an idea of how many will be there and it will help to plan for lunch.

**Bay Wind Community Concert**

**Sunday, December 10**

The Bay Winds Community Band is hosting a concert at Grace on Sunday, December 10 at 3:00pm. The Bay Wind Community Band is a volunteer organization that encourages concert band music in the Bay County area.



Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!  
Thank you for worshiping with us today!  
We hope that you find the Holy Spirit moving in this place and in your life. If this is your first time with us or you are coming back after a little time away, please fill out a blue visitor card and drop it in an offering plate so we can further greet you.  
Thank you again for being here and we look forward to worshiping with you!

*"Small enough to feel like family... Big enough to make an impact!"*

November 19, 2023  
Rev. Eric Spoon

## ***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

**Prelude**

**Welcome** Hank Picken, Elder

**Centering Music**

*Please take a moment of silence, listen to the music, and prepare your hearts for worship.*

**Call to Worship**

**\* Hymn 614** “Great Are You, Lord”

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

*Silent Prayer....*

**Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will.**

**When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Glory be to the Father**

## ***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

**Children’s Message** Phil Kemp

**Old Testament** Deuteronomy 16: 16 - 17.

**Anthem** “Let All Things Now Living”

**New Testament** Matthew 25: 14 - 30

**Leader:** This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “It Comes Gift Wrapped”  
Rev. Jim Stansbury

## ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

**Offering of Gifts**

*Ways to Give*

- ~ *Offering Plate in the Narthex.*
- ~ *Offering Plate by the doors leaving the Sanctuary.*
- ~ *Anytime Online at our Church Website.*
- ~ *In Person in the Church Office During the Week.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\* Doxology**

**Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer**

*There will be a time of silence as part of the prayers of the people. In the silence, you are invited to lift your joys and concerns to the Lord.*

## ***BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD***

**\* Hymn 175** “Seek Ye First”

**\* Charge & Benediction**

**\* Benediction Response**  
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

**\* Postlude**

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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