

# Grace Presbyterian Church

## Prayer Request

Gayle & Joe Wayne Walker,  
Ministry of Building and Grounds,  
Bill Rumph, Patsy Moates.

## The Bay County Christian Youth Choir Presents: "Behold the Lamb of God: A Christmas Cantata"

Join us here at Grace

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 4:00 pm for a  
Christmas Cantata, featuring the Bay County  
Christian Youth Choir, singers from First  
Presbyterian and Grace Presbyterian Church,  
and special guest musician Billy Radar.

## Year-End Financial Contributions

IRS regulations require that all charitable  
contributions intended for tax deductions be  
given and deposited no later than the last calendar  
day of the year in which the deduction will be  
taken. If you have contributions you would like  
to make to Grace as a taxable contribution on your  
2022 taxes, the church office will be accepting  
contributions through 11:00 am on  
December 30, 2022.

## Reverse Advent

This Advent season, you are encouraged  
to give back rather than give. In the December  
GraceVine, there is a calendar that gives you  
an idea for what you can pack in a box or  
paper bag and bring to the church between 12/26 - 1/2  
for Grace Cares. Please see  
Rev. Spoon or Laurie Combs with any questions!

## Offering Collection

Beginning today (12/4/22), the offering will be  
collected by the traditional practice of passing  
the offering plate. Prayer Request Cards can be  
placed in the offering plate with your offering  
for the day for the Prayers of the People. If you  
would like to assist in collecting the offering,  
please see John Fortner.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

Join us December 24 at 5:00 pm.  
Communion will be served during this  
celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ. Please make plans to attend this  
beautiful service.

## Preschool Christmas Program

We are looking for volunteers to greet families  
and celebrate the children of the preschool,  
while helping with other activities such as  
serving food, on December 13 and 14 for the  
preschool Christmas Program. This is a  
commitment from about 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.  
Please let Ronnie Wilson know if you are able  
to help serve as we seek to be Christ's hands  
and feet in the world.

## Grace Presbyterian Church

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Fri. 8:00am – 12:00pm

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Author: Ella Hawkins, Macon, GA  
The Family

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

*December 4, 2022*

*Rev. Eric Spoon, Pastor*

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Centering Music**

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

### **Call to Worship**

#### **\* Hymn 93**

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

*As Christians, we pray a prayer of confession because we confess that we understand we are sinners, surrounded by brokenness in our personal and communal lives, who are in need of God's redeeming grace. During our prayer of confession, please silently lift up to the Lord the transgressions of your heart - praying for healing for you, your neighbor, the church, and the world as a whole.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\* Glory be to the Father**

## ***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

**Children's Message - Peace** Jason Williams

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

**Anthem** “Away in a Manger”

**New Testament Reading** Matthew 3: 1 - 12

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Making Christ Known”  
The Rev. Eric Spoon

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

### **Offering of Gifts**

#### **\* 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 up your joys and concerns to the Lord.*

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

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Affirmation of Faith**

*All who have acknowledged Jesus as their Lord and Savior are invited to take Communion as part of the worship service this morning. Communion packs are available on the table in the hallway by the door to the Narthex for those not interested in partaking in traditional Communion. You are encouraged to hold your elements until invited to partake.*

**\* Hymn 124** “Still, Still, Still”

#### **\* Charge & Blessing**

#### **\* Benediction Response**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

### **Postlude**

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Audio Assistant Devices for the hearing impaired are available in the narthex. Please ask an Elder if you need assistance.

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