

Sunday, November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

Call to Worship – Pastor Marc Swan

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope.

People: My soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Leader: Put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love.

People: With the LORD is full redemption. He himself will redeem us from all our sins.

Based on Psalm 130

Prayer of Adoration

Worship through Music

Worship through Confession – Elder Charlie Gault

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.

People: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

(Silent confession of sin)

Leader: Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

People: May we have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.

From Psalm 51, Ephesians 2, and Ephesians 3

Congregational Prayer – Elder Charlie Gault

Worship through Music

Worship through Giving – Deacon Jerry Smith

If you are visiting with us, please do not feel any obligation to give.

Children may be taken to Toddlers' Worship (age 2 through pre-kindergarten) or Children's Worship (kindergarten through 2nd grade) at this time.

Worship through the Word Proclaimed – Pastor Marc Swan

Text: Hosea 3:1-5

Response: Thanks be to God!

Series: The Prophets Speak of Jesus

Title: Prodigal Love

Benediction

Doxology

Announcements

This Week's Announcements

1. If you are visiting Grace Church today, we welcome you! Please fill out the visitor form found in the bulletin and place it in our little "church" on your way out. Check the bulletin board or communication table or see one of our greeters for details about our Sunday school, Children's Church, Growth Groups, and Bible Studies.
2. If you are volunteering in Children's Ministry this quarter and haven't picked up your copy of the schedule, please do! They are at the Communication Table. The schedule has already started.
3. Help Wanted—person with basic office skills to compose, print, and assemble church bulletins in the Administrative Assistant's occasional vacation absence. Call Martha Michaud at the Church office for information to volunteer.
4. Next week begins a new quarter of adult Sunday school. Our two new classes will be a study of the book of *Revelation*, taught by Peter Mason, and the other on *The Christian Life* taught by Mark Choma, utilizing Sinclair Ferguson's outstanding book, *The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction*. See you at 9:15!
5. There will be a baby shower for Natalie Abrahamsen on Saturday, December 12 from 12-3:00 p.m. at the Sahmel's home. Please RSVP to Michelle Sahmel at emsahmel@gmail.com or at 241-9802.
6. Join us in blessing the women and children of Sanctuary House this Christmas! The Adams growth group will be collecting socks (of all sizes) for the women and children of Sanctuary House Women's Shelter. Sanctuary House is located in the City of Rochester and provides a safe home-like atmosphere for women and children who need emergency and transitional housing. Please bring your donations of newly-purchased socks to church from Sunday, November 29 through Sunday, December 20--we will have a Christmas tree set up each Sunday where they can be hung. Thank you for your willingness to bless others during this holiday season! For more information, contact Jen Adams at 455-5180 or adams.jenl@gmail.com.

Serving Today

Nursery: Alicia Holdridge, Lynn McDonald, Matt Allison, & Olivia Choma.

Next Week: (12-6-09) Lacey English, David Urminsky, Kelly Byrne.

Toddlers' Worship: Michelle Sahmel, Juliana Moore, & Marcia Gault.

Next Week: (12-6-09) Emily Fletcher, Elizabeth Raduns, & Rich Kennedy.

Children's Worship: Mary Henry, & Sue Wilson.

Next Week: (12-06-09) Tim McNamara & Cheryl Day.

Music Team: Dan, Jon, Parker, Ben, & Keiko.

Next week: (12-06-09) Cheri, Evan, Janet, Aaron, Janice, Bethany, & Kim.

Greeters: Marcia Gault, & Robin and Joan Lambert.

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Scripture Reader: Gemma Anible

Next Week: (12-06-09) Andrew Tomlinson

Grace Church Finances

| | <u>October</u> | <u>Fiscal Year to Date</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| General Offerings: | \$ 17,686 | \$131,129 | |
| Expenses: | 25,971 | 139,810 | |
| Budget: | 23,665 | 141,989 | |
| Relocation Fund: | 0 | 4,150 | \$46,835 |

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 – December 6, 2009

TODAY-29th

- 9:15 A.M. Sunday school for all ages.
10:30 A.M. Grace Worship Service.
2:30 P.M. A time of worship, music, and visiting with the people living at the Highlands of Pittsford Living Center. Please contact Bob Berray at 377-9463 for more information.
3:30 P.M. A time of worship, song, and friendship at Hill Haven Nursing Home. Grace visitors are always welcome and appreciated. For more information, contact Bob Berray at 377-9463.

MONDAY-30th

TUESDAY-1st

- 6:30 P.M. Adams/Schauffele (northeast City) Growth Group will meet at 42 Laurelton Rd., Rochester. Contact the Adams at 455-2448 or the Schauffeles at 594-4103 for more information.

WEDNESDAY-2nd

- 6:30 P.M. Discipleship Youth Group at the Abrahamsen home. Call Chris Holdridge at 451-2498 for more information.

THURSDAY -3rd

- 7:00 P.M. France/Smith (Irondequoit Growth Group will meet at 126 Thorncliffe Dr., Rochester. Contact the Smiths at 544-6322 for more information.
7:00 P.M. The Choma (Webster) Growth Group will meet at 664 Cumberland Way, Webster. Contact Mark or Lisa Choma at 872-1577 for more information.

FRIDAY-4th

- 9:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study meeting at the Church Office. The topic Romans led by pastor Marc Swan. Contact the office 899-3910 for more information.

SATURDAY-5th

- 8:00 A.M. Men's Bible Study meeting at the Church Office. The topic is the book of James led by Jon Graca and Matt Allison. Contact Scott Hollander at 267-9072 for more information.
10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study will be meeting at Roberta Smith's home. 126 Thorncliffe Drive, 14617. The topic is Hebrews. Contact Roberta at 544-6322 for more information.

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6:00 P.M. The Gault (Penfield) Growth Group will be meeting at 21 Sunberry Drive, Penfield. Contact Marcia or Charlie Gault at 377-9265 for more information. This will be a time for food, fellowship, and fun.