

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Second Sunday of Advent

Call to Worship – Pastor Marc Swan

Leader: He who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and treads on the heights of the earth,
People: **The LORD, the God of hosts, is his name!**
Leader: He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into morning and darkens the day into night,
People: **The LORD is his name!** *From Amos 4 and 5 (ESV)*

Prayer of Adoration

Worship through Music

Worship through Confession – Elder Chris Holdridge

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
People: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

(Silent confession of sin)

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
From Psalms 32, 51, 139 and 1 John 1:9 (ESV)

Congregational Prayer – Elder Chris Holdridge

Worship through Music

Worship through Giving – Deacon Brian Fletcher

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: Amos 9:11-15
Response: Thanks be to God!
Series: The Prophets Speak of Jesus
Title: Creation Regained

Benediction

Doxology

Announcements

****This Week's Foundation Verse:** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1: 7

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. Today 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*.
3. We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together next Sunday.
4. Are you eager to tell people about Jesus, but don't know where to start? Do you wonder how the church might help you reach out to your friends and neighbors? Then join us this Saturday morning (December 12) from 9-10:30 am at the church office for an evangelism focus group. We will explore these questions and begin to think through strategies for reaching our friends, neighbors, and region with the gospel. Call or email the office for more info and directions to the office. Whether you consider yourself an expert or novice when it comes to evangelism, your input will be welcomed!
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. Tuesday, December 15 from 6:30 -8:30 pm: The Adams Growth Group will have a holiday gathering with food, fellowship, and holiday fun. For those not yet involved in a growth group, this is a great opportunity to come out and experience the benefits of home group fellowship. Bring a "gift" from your attic for a White Elephant exchange. Kids are welcome! Call Bob Adams at 455-2448 for more info.
7. The Women's Ministry will be having there first ever "TheoloTea", an afternoon of tea and theology as well as delicious food and encouraging fellowship. This event will be on January 9, 2010 at La Tea Da Tea Room and Parlour from 11am to 1pm. The cost is \$15 per person. Scholarships are available. Seats are limited, so please see Alicia Holdridge to sign up.

Serving Today

Nursery: Lacey English, David Urminsky, Kelly Byrne.
Next Week: (12-13-09) Janice Allnatt, Michaela Swan, Victoria Moore, & Lori Dussinger.
Toddlers' Worship: Emily Fletcher, Elizabeth Raduns, & Rich Kennedy.
Next Week: (12-13-09) Bethany Ensign, Ben Anible, & Lynn Wasserbauer.
Children's Worship: Tim McNamara & Cheryl Day.
Next Week: (12-13-09) Jen Adams and Marilynn Elliott.
Music Team: Cheri, Evan, Janet, Aaron, Janice, Bethany, & Kim.
Next week: (12-13-09) Laura, Evan, Jon, Aaron, Scott, & Kim.
Greeters: Marcia Gault, & Dale and Shelley Kriewall.
Next Week: (12-13-09) Jorge, Janice, and Tony Cajiga.
Scripture Reader: Andrew Tomlinson
Next Week: (12-13-09) Chris Mason

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 DECEMBER 6 – DECEMBER 13, 2009

TODAY-6th

- 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.
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.

MONDAY-7th

TUESDAY-8th

WEDNESDAY-9th

- 6:30 P.M. Youth Group meeting at RCS. Call Chris Holdridge at 451-2498 for more information.
6:30 P.M. Palanski/Fletcher growth group meeting this evening. Children are welcome. Call Palanskis at 425-8969 or the Fletchers at 377-1026 for more information.

THURSDAY -10th

- 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-11th

- 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-12th

- 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.
9:00 A.M. Evangelism Focus Group will meet from 9:00-10:30 at the Church office. Contact the office at 899-3910 for more info.
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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