

Sunday, December 1

*Benevolent Offering Received*

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open all morning (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary

Today, the Sunday School Pre-K through 5th Grade focused on:

The Good Samaritan (*Luke 10:25-37*)

We should love others through our words, thoughts, and actions.

Monday, December 2

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Work Crew
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting – CR 206

Tuesday, December 3

- 6:00 p.m. Snow Camp Planning Meeting – The Bridge (basement)
- 6:30 p.m. Church Christmas Decorating Team – Foyers
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministries Meeting – Room 131
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group – The Bridge
- 7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting – CR 206

Wednesday, December 4

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline
- 9:00 a.m. Building Committee A/V Interviews – CR 206
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper – FH
- 6:30 p.m. Awana
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – The Loft
- 6:45 p.m. PointMen Study – Room 132/133
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Hardcore Bible Study – The Bridge
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 5

- 9:30 a.m. Mom’s Morning Out – Rooms 132/133
- 10:00 a.m. Building Committee A/V Interviews – CR 206
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Church Christmas Decorating Team – Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Men’s Step Study – The Loft

Friday, December 6

- 1:00 p.m. Knit Unto Others – Culver’s, St. Anthony

Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 a.m. Open Prayer-All Welcome – CR 206

Sunday, December 8

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- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. All-Church Gingerbread House Decorating Party – Gym

“Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other;  
I am God, and there is none like me.”

~ Isaiah 46:9



December 1, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome to

GracePoint

8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ScriptureZephaniah 1:7

ChoirIn the Silence, Wondrous Love

Advent Candle LightingHope Candle

Josh & Heidi Christenson

Lydia, Sophia & Aletheia

HymnsCome, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (#168)

What If It Were Today? (#311)

Congregational Prayer

OffertorySpecial Music – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Rob DeWidt, Violin

MessageAdore His Revelation

Communion

Benediction

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11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Advent Candle LightingHope Candle

Nate and Gwyn Qualley

Jared, Peter & Nienna

Songs of WorshipJoy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Cornerstone

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

OffertorySpecial Music – O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Rob DeWidt, Violin

MessageAdore His Revelation

CommunionLead Me To The Cross

Benediction

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Reaching out while transforming within  
for the glory of God.

**All-Church Gingerbread House Decorating Party**  
Sunday, December 8 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Gym  
Marie Reynolds | marie.reynolds@exploregracepoint.com | 651.478.7645  
You are invited to a Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Join us for lunch and a wonderful community time of building Gingerbread houses. We will provide all the supplies needed to create your Gingerbread house. Registration is helpful but not required. Please sign up at the Event Center, online at [exploregracepoint.com](http://exploregracepoint.com) or via the app.

**Do You Love to Sing Christmas Music?**  
Kristel Peters | kristel.peters@exploregracepoint.com | 651.207.9799  
December is a great time to jump in and join the GracePoint Choir as we prepare Christmas music through the season for Sunday mornings and Christmas Eve. Join us on Wednesdays, starting December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We’ve got a seat for you!

Children’s voices (1st-6th grades are needed to share special Christmas music with the Adult Choir on Sunday, December 22 in both services. Contact Kristel Peters if interested in participating. Rehearsals will be:

- Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 15 at 9:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Women’s Dessert Gala – Tickets Going Fast!**  
Fri., December 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Ticket sales (\$10/ticket) begin at 9:30 a.m.  
**The Preacher’s Daughters** will be singing “Sweet Hymns of Joy” and delectable desserts will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person; 8 people per table (no discounts if purchasing an entire table). Tickets will be available on Sundays only from 9:30 a.m.– 12:15 p.m. at the Event Center until they are sold out. This is a great outreach opportunity!

**Cupcakes, Cookies & Carols with Children’s Program**  
Sunday, December 15 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary and Gym  
Marie Reynolds | marie.reynolds@exploregracepoint.com | 651.478.7645  
The children are excited to present, “Christmas Cupcake.” Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a festive Christmas musical. Following the program, please join us for the wonderful all-church event, Cupcakes, Cookies and Carols. This will be a night of cute kids, fellowship, yummy desserts and Christmas caroling! Don’t Miss it!

**Wanted: 500 Cookies and Cupcakes**  
Haley Thannum | hospitalitydeacon@exploregracepoint.com  
Does that really say 500? It does! GracePoint’s annual Cupcakes, Cookies and Carols event serves around 200 individuals of all ages, and we are seeking donations for a total of 500 (about 40 dozen) cookies and/or cupcakes. We will have a few stations for children and families to decorate their own sugar cookie. Otherwise, all peanut-free cookies and cupcakes are welcome. To sign up for a donation, go to the Event Center or contact [hospitalitydeacon@exploregracepoint.com](mailto:hospitalitydeacon@exploregracepoint.com) by Sunday, December 8.

**Christmas Eve Childcare Volunteers Needed**  
Marie Reynolds | marie.reynolds@exploregracepoint.com | 651.478.7645  
Volunteers are needed to spend time with children during the Christmas Eve services at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Please contact Marie if you are able to bless families this way.

**Benevolent Offering Today**  
After each service, our ushers will have offering plates as you exit the sanctuary for our Benevolence Fund. Please consider giving a small amount. We do this extra offering the first Sunday of each month. Our Benevolence Fund provides emergency assistance for those in our congregation and our community (food voucher, gas voucher, car repairs, utilities, etc.). You can also use our online giving to donate to this fund.

**Wednesday Night Supper**  
Wednesday, December 4 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall  
Our next Wednesday Night Supper will be this Wednesday, December 4. Taco Salad Bar and dessert is on the menu. The suggested donation for meals is \$2/adult and \$1/child. Pay at the door.

**Ring the Bells for Salvation Army**  
Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 12, 13 and 14 | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Cub Foods  
John Holmberg | 651.633.0407  
GracePoint Church will be ‘ringing the bells’ for Salvation Army for the 14th year. The location remains the same, main entrance at Cub Foods in New Brighton (across the street). Dates are December 12, 13 and 14. We would invite you to sign up at the Event Center. You may choose 1 or 2 hour slots. Contact John Holmberg (see above) if you have questions. Once you register, you will be contacted with information and instructions. Your support for this effort is greatly appreciated.

**Save The Date: Baby Shower for Marissa Himple**  
Saturday, January 4 | Time (TBD) | Cafe  
Colette Balboa | colette.balboa@exploregracepoint.com | 651.633.7515  
GracePoint women are invited to a baby shower for Marissa Himple, GracePoint’s Children’s Ministry Assistant. Refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars and watch for more details to come.

**Winter Weather Cancellation Policy**  
In the event of bad weather, events will be cancelled in this manner:

- Sundays: by 7:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays: by 1:00 p.m.
- Other evening events: by 3:30 p.m.

Check KTIS, WCCO, church website, the App (notifications need to be turned on), Facebook, email or church voicemail for cancellations.

**Parking Options**  
Now that it’s December, regular attenders are encouraged to park at the Brightwood Hills Golf Course just to the south of the church, if feasible. It leaves more space for visitors in our front lot, and it’s a pretty quick walk to the office door from there. Thank you!

**Sunday Morning Office Volunteers Needed**  
Looking for a way to volunteer at GracePoint? Join the Sunday morning office volunteers! Help is need once a month - fourth Sundays during the 3rd hour (Contemporary Service) and every 5th Sunday during the 3rd hour (Contemporary Service.) Contact information: Liz Johnston (651-633-0703) or [lizathome1@yahoo.com](mailto:lizathome1@yahoo.com)

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| <b>Save the Dates!</b> |                  |   |
| • December 8           | 12 noon          | Gingerbread House Decorating Party                                  |
| • December 13          | 7:00 p.m.        | Women’s Christmas Dessert Gala                                      |
| • December 15          | 6:00 p.m.        | Children’s Christmas Program followed by Cupcakes, Cookies & Carols |
| • December 24          | 3:00 & 4:30 p.m. | Christmas Eve Services  |

**Welcome to GracePoint!**  
Please use a Connection Card (in the pew racks) to request prayer, share comments; or, if you are a visitor, provide contact info.

**Free Wi-Fi for GP Guest (password case sensitive):** GracePoint

Go to your app store and download the **ExploreGracePoint App** to access sermon videos and audio files, event info, prayer requests, bulletins, and more.

**Text to Give:** 84321 (follow the prompts)

**GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK**  
**Paul and Ana Hill**

The Hills work with Converge in Argentina as church planters in the city and province of Santiago del Estero. Three of their four children attend college in Argentina (one having recently graduated), and one lives in Australia. They have seen a group of men, with a vision for growth, dedicating time, effort and resources to remodel the church. They also have seen groups emerge with a commitment to rural ministries. "It is with great joy, excitement and thankfulness that we now have experienced the beginnings of ownership of the ministry here in Santiago in ways we have never seen before." They recently had the privilege and joy to see 12 more people in the community take the step of baptism. Read the Hills' newsletter for more accounts of how God is working. Prayer requests: Pray for unity, for the leaders of the rural ministry, and for effective use of The Timothy Initiative to start small groups. Pray for Paul & Ana's aging parents who are struggling with health issues.



*Please check the binder in the church office for more detailed information about all the global partners GracePoint supports prayerfully and financially.*