

Sunday, December 22

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open – both services, not Sunday School (6 wks to 4 yrs old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. NO Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary

Today, the Sunday School Pre-K through 5th Grade focused on:
The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20)
Jesus is the Messiah, our Lord, and our Savior.

Monday, December 23

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Work Crew
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline

Tuesday, December 24

- 12:00 p.m. OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON – Christmas Eve
- 3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25

OFFICE CLOSED – Christmas Day

Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 29

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. NO Early Childcare (Lily Pad) for both services
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. NO Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary



“There is no one holy like the Lord, indeed, there is no one besides You, nor is there any rock like our God.”

~ 1 Samuel 2:2



8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude O Come, All Ye Faithful (musical prelude)

Welcome and Announcements

Hymns O Come, All Ye Faithful (#193)
It Came upon the Midnight Clear (#197)

Advent Candle Lighting Angel’s Candle
Tom and Marci Lawhorn
Tristen, Tanner and Talon

Choir Sing Gloria, Sing Noel!
Hymn Angles We Have Heard On High (#192)

Congregational Prayer
Offertory Special Music – What Child Is This?
Jada Miller, Cello

Message Adore His Holiness
Benediction

11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude
Call to Worship
Advent Candle Lighting Angel’s Candle
Jim and Brenda Niemi
Caleb & Abigail

Songs of Worship Sing Gloria, Sing Noel
Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Offertory Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Message Adore His Holiness
Benediction



Schedule Changes for Holiday Weeks

Today – NO Sunday School (all ages)
This Week - No regular children & youth Activities
Next Sunday, December 29 - Normal service times; NO Sunday School (all ages); NO Early Childhood Care
Next Week - No regular children & youth activities

Thank You, Bell Ringers!

GracePoint bell ringers once again endured some brisk weather with cold temperatures. A big “Thank You” to the 37 men, women and children who gave an hour or two of their time to make this a success. We collected \$1,866.77 for Salvation Army in just three days! Thank you for your willingness to serve our community through the Salvation Army. Blessings and Merry Christmas to all.

*** Resources for you for 2020 ***

MarriedPeople Monthly

Married People Monthly is a beautifully and creatively produced monthly email provided free to you by your GracePoint Marriage Matters Team. The email comes to your email inbox at the beginning of each month. To sign up, click on “Event Registrations” in the GPC App or on exploregracepoint.com (scroll down the page to see the registration link).

RightNow Media...for Adults, Youth & Children

You get FREE access to this 2,000+ Christian video library through our GracePoint subscription. There are discipleship videos for kids, youth, and adults. You can view these videos from your phone, tablet or computer. Create your own account by registering through exploregracepoint.com or through our app. This is a tremendous resource for your family or group!

Sr. High: Rock Climbing @ Vertical Endeavors

Friday, January 3 | 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. | Meet at The Bridge
Christian Brands | christian.brands@exploregracepoint.com | 507.269.6689
Get off the couch and join your friends for some indoor rock climbing excitement at Vertical Endeavors St. Paul! This location features walls as high as 39 feet, auto-belay machines, bouldering areas, and more than enough routes to keep us busy! We'll meet at the Bridge, depart by 6:00, and return by 10:00. The cost for first-time Vertical Endeavors visitors is \$5; the cost for all other climbers is \$25. Each registration includes a harness rental and safety orientation. Register online or through the GPC app by January 2.

Sr. High: Snow Camp Winter Retreat @ Lake Beauty Bible Camp

Friday, Jan. 24 – Sunday, Jan. 26 | Lake Beauty Bible Camp – Long Prairie, MN
Christian Brands | christian.brands@exploregracepoint.com | 507.269.6689
Snow Camp is unique in that our youth group will have Lake Beauty Bible Camp all to ourselves! Expect a weekend packed with annual traditions like broomball, snow tubing, gym games, and polar plunging. Student-led chapels feature hilarious challenges, engaging worship, and teaching that will encourage your faith. There's also plenty of free time to warm up around the fireplace while sharing life and laughs with new and old friends! We'll meet at the Bridge for departure by 4 pm Friday and return by 4 pm Sunday. Early-bird pricing is good through 12/24 and registration closes 1/15, so don't wait to sign up! Need-based scholarships are available.

Jr. High: Avalanche Retreat @ Big Sandy Camp

Friday, February 7 – Sunday, February 9 | Big Sandy Camp – McGregor, MN
Christian Brands | christian.brands@exploregracepoint.com | 507.269.6689
Join your friends and leaders for the first annual GPC Jr. High winter retreat at Big Sandy Camp! This weekend will be a great chance to grow deeper in your relationships with God and others. We'll learn and worship in chapel, bond as a group, and enjoy awesome indoor and outdoor activities like snow tubing, broomball, and dodgeball. We will depart from GracePoint in the late afternoon on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Spots may be limited, and registration closes 1/22, so don't wait to sign up! Early-bird pricing is good through 1/8, and there is a discount for multiple students. Need-based scholarships are available.



*** SAVE THE DATES ***

January 4 - Marissa Himple Baby Shower
(3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Café)

January 10–Red Cross Blood Drive

January 12 - Explore GracePoint Membership Class

January 17– Craft Night (All-Church!)

February 1—PointMen Breakfast

February 8—Marriage Matters Workshop
Become Your Best US: "Love God First" Marriage Event

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
Ashraf and Nivin Ibrahim

Ashraf and Nivin, Converge Worldwide, are native Egyptians, at home in the Arab language and culture. They have ministered in the Middle East for more than 30 years, twelve of those years with Campus Crusade in Egypt. Ashraf holds an M.A. degree and has taught Islamic studies at a Christian College in Missouri. Ashraf and Nivin’s primary ministry objective is to evangelize and disciple unreached Arab people groups of the 10/40 Window by training Christian Egyptian immigrants who live and work in the restricted access countries of the Middle East and in Europe to win Muslims to Christ. They also assist the church in Egypt in its evangelism and discipleship strategies to reach Muslim Egyptians. Additionally, the Ibrahims assist American churches in understanding the challenging facets of Islam (including a short seminar at GracePoint last spring), helping them begin an effective outreach strategy to win and disciple Muslim immigrants in the United States. Pray for safety in frequent travel to the Middle East, and health, strength, and ministry effectiveness for these trips.

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