

Order of Worship

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”



Welcome

Scripture Memory: Matthew 11:28-29

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”

“Joy To The World”

Prayer

“How Great Our Joy”

“O Holy Night”

SERMON **Dr. Ross Layne**

“The Birth of Jesus and the Fullness of Time”

Galatians 4:4-5

Benediction

Welcome to Grace Community Church!



Grace Community Church is live-streaming the worship service on Facebook Live and You tube.



You can access either: through the link on the homepage at ourgcc.com Please be sure to contact the church office church at **414-771-3020** or email office@ourgcc.com to let us know if you would like a phone call from a pastor.

NEED HELP?

If you have a special need at this time, please let us know how we can be of help. Contact the office at: **414-771-3020** or email at office@ourgcc.com

Events This Week

Tue. Dec.19 6:30 pm: Men’s Study
7:00 pm: Missions
Wed. Dec.20 NO Learning and Leaning
Sun. Dec.24 Christmas Eve
9:00 am: Sunday School & GCF’s
10:15 am: Corporate Worship
Mon. Dec.25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Office Closed



Upcoming Events

Tue. Dec.26 6:30 pm: Men’s Study
Wed. Dec.27 NO Learning and Leaning
Sun. Dec.31 9:00 am: Sunday School & GCF’s
10:15 am: Corporate Worship

Our deepest sympathy to the Escalera family at the recent loss of Eric on Wednesday. Dear husband of JonJon (Ma.Lourdes) and father of Elijah and Micaiah. May the Lord give them comfort as they mourn their great loss. Please keep them in your prayers.



A heartfelt “Thank You” to everyone who helped in any way, or participated in making the 2023 Christmas Event a special evening. You are greatly appreciated!

TAG TEAM Bowling League!

Come join us for fun and fellowship while we bowl!

Mondays for 12 weeks **Jan.8th - March 25th**
2 person teams \$15 per week
(first week will be \$20 for prize fund)
AMF West Lanes 7505 W Oklahoma Ave
Invite your friends/family to join too!

Please contact Martin or Anna Ehret 414-388-4569 if you would like to join, or sign up at the back



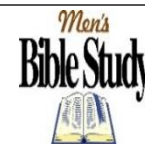
Note: Please place your offering in the box on the back table next to the door as you leave the sanctuary.

Men’s Bible Study

II Kings

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 204.

For more info see Phil Snyder



Pastor Ted and Lori would like to thank everyone for all the love shown at the wedding reception following their marriage. Thanks for sharing their happiness.



Christmas Caroling

Join us as we go caroling TODAY! 3-5pm.

The bus will be available for transport, or you can carpool/self-drive.

Questions? Please speak to Geraldine Manske or Lynne Chambers.

A Message from the Treasurer, Kurt Sonnenburg:
“All donations/gifts that you desire to go on your 2023 GCC giving statement, must be received at GCC no later than 12/31/2023”



Last Minute Christmas Ideas! Take-out? Shopping Online or in-store?

Gift cards can work for you!

Prayerfully consider using Raise Right cards for all your gift buying, and regular shopping, gas/groceries!



See Darleen at the “Book” table in the foyer

The 2023 Five Day Bible Reading Program

Week 51

Job 12-14; Psalm 100; Revelation 13
Job 15-17; Revelation 14
Job 18-20; Psalm 141; Revelation 15
Job 21-23; Psalm 101; Revelation 16
Job 24-27; Revelation 17

[www.FiveDayBible Reading.com](http://www.FiveDayBibleReading.com)

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec.21: Randy and Demetra Slak
Dec.28: Alan and Rachel Marsch



BIRTHDAYS

Dec.18: Renee Captain, Christine Schroeder
Dec.19: Gloria Balderas
Dec.23: George Klicka
Dec.24: Jesse Ceron, Jonathan Kasun
Dec.27: John Jaquez
Dec.29: Brian Risberg
Dec.30: Jonah Price



Today I will pray for:

Our Church Family

- * **Jamilla P.** - Healing
- * **Jim H.** - Healing
- * **Nancy K.**- Healing
- * **Alan M.** - Healing
- * **Kathleen C.** – Healing
- * **Tim C.**- Healing
- * **Roxanne L.** - Strength
- * **Angela T.** - Healing
- * **Kate G.** – Healing
- * **Strong marriages at GCC**
- * **Church members & attendees without jobs**
- * **Lost family and friends**
- * **Elijah E.** – Serving in the Military

Missionaries Serving Locally & Overseas:

- * **Tige and Renee Smith** - Cambodia
- * **SBC Gerson Reyes** – Mexico City, Mexico
- * **Tim T** - Philippines
- * **Samuel M** - Romania
- * **Eugeniusz T** – Poland/ Ukraine Relief
- * **SBC Africa Representatives – Bayak; Radi I., Prosper, Simon S.**
- * **SBC Myanmar Representative - Henry L.**
- * **SBC India Rep. - Kishore, Prasanna Kumar, Gummadi Ebenezer**
- * **Joel, Jeff M., Phil., Jarrett** - Grace to the Streets
- * **Milwaukee Rescue Mission**
- * **WVCY Radio WI USA**

Sunday Morning GCF & Sunday School Groups

Prayer Group: 8:30 am - Room 118

One Accord GCF: Room 306 - Led by Rick Ellis

New Life GCF: - Cafeteria

Sunday School:

PreK-6 years – Rm. 207 - Melissa Layne, Karen Donohoo

7-12 years – Room 201 - Ariail Layne and helper

Helpers for Today

Prayer: Dale Stefanich

Sunday School: Melissa Layne, Karen Donohoo

Nursery: Mickey Frank, Lisa Parsons

Children's Church: Lynne Chambers, Bette Milhans

Greeters: Kathy Ellenbecker, Dianna Yegge, Bill & Debbie O'Brien

Helpers for December 24th

Prayer: Al Piggott

Sunday School: Melissa Layne, Karen Donohoo

Nursery: Melissa Layne and volunteer

Children's Church: Glen Bergersen, Leeroy Jones

Greeters: Juan & Gloria Balderas, Cathy Degner, Laurie Kalfke

Praise Team

John Jaquez (leader), Tim & Suzanne Caldwell, Tim & Judi Kasun, Jeff & April Smith

Technical and Sound

Jesse Ceron, Dean Mertins, Kurt Sonnenburg

GCC Giving

Last Week 2023: \$4,777.00

Last Week 2022: \$7,933.00

YTD 2023: \$303,234.70

YTD 2022: \$315,052.11



Invest In a Vision:

Special offerings are given for the GCC building fund. To donate, write **Invest in A Vision** (IIAV) on memo line of your check.

Last Week: \$36.00

Total IIAV: \$325,267.88

SCRIP: Total Profit for Jan.- Nov. 2023 - \$2,556.39

Total Profit for Jan. - Dec. 2022 - \$3,236.31



GRACE
Community Church

December 17th, 2023



“THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND THE FULLNESS OF TIME”

Presented by:
Dr. Ross Layne

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son.”

Galatians 4:4

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone
astray

CHORUS

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem in Jewry This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger Upon this blessed morn
The which His mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn

From God our heavenly Father A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name

Fear not then said the angel Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Savior Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's pow'r and
might

The shepherds at those tidings Rejoiced much in mind
And left their flocks afeeding In tempest storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway The blessed Babe to
find

And when they came to Bethlehem Where our dear Savior
lay
They found Him in a manger Where oxen feed on hay
His mother Mary kneeling down Unto the Lord did pray

Now to the Lord sing praises All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas All others doth deface

Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

How Great Our Joy

While by the sheep we watched at night
Glad tidings brought an angel bright

Chorus

How great our joy (great our joy)
Joy joy joy (joy joy joy)
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high)

There shall be born so he did say
In Bethlehem a Child today

There shall the Child lie in a stall
This Child who shall redeem us all

This gift of God we'll cherish well
That ever joy our hearts shall fill

O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night, O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our Friend

He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend
Behold your King, Before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever
His power and glory, Evermore proclaim
His power and glory, Evermore proclaim

Fall on your knees and hear the angels' voices
O Night divine O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night divine