



Welcome to Worship at Grace Bible Church

...for by grace you are saved...Ephesians 2:8

Order of Service December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent – HOPE

Communion Sunday

Preludes

Saviour of the Nations Come arr. Bish
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Coleman

Welcome

Advent Call to Worship (please see bulletin)

Our Response - Hymn #126

O Come, Let Us Adore Him (verse 1) (ADESTE FIDELES)

Choir Saviour of the Nations, Come arr. W. Sim

Kids' Corner – Lighting of the Candle of Hope Dale Murphy

Hymn #135 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (HYFRYDOL)

Scripture Reading Isaiah 51:12-16 Page 558
Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation response: Thanks be to God.

Choir O Come, Emmanuel Hagenberg

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Hymn #271 Christ is Coming! (CWM RHONDDA)
(Please rise for the final stanza as the children leave for Sunday School)

Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1-8 Page 961
Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation response: Thanks be to God.

Ensemble Bring Us Hope Shram

Prayers of the People Gord Kroeker

Betty Janzen, Kim Kakegamic

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and Robyn Shugart

Leader: Lord in your mercy. Congregation Response: Hear our prayer.

(Youth leave for Sunday School)

Meditation

Hope: The Light of the World at the End of the Tunnel Matt Janzen

Communion Hymn #167 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent (1,2) (PICARDY)

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn #167 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent (3,4) (PICARDY)

Benediction

Postlude Gavotte (Opus 67, No.2) Popper

Worship Leader	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Pastoral and Spiritual Care	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	Margot Sim
Scripture Readers	Mark Strople, Sara Kriendler
Cello	Dorothy Hargraves
Ensemble	Amanda Janzen, Hillary Kroeker, Lisa Hargraves
	Betty Janzen, Brent Peterson, Brent Kroeker
Candle Lighters	Sophie and Amanda Janzen

Upcoming

December 9, Ken Penner will be sharing on “Ready or Not, Here I Come” for Advent II – Peace, with scripture passages from Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8.

Calendar at a Glance

December 8 & 9	Christmas Carol Services – 7:30pm
December 16	Christmas Pageant – 7pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service – 6pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

LEADER: Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, we will light the candle of Hope in the Advent wreath. Advent reminds us that we are waiting for God to come to us anew. The circular wreath is a symbol of God's endless love and mercy and the greenery represents the hope of renewal and eternal life.

ALL: The prophets of the Old Testament called the people to repent and return to God. They also foretold the coming of the Redeemer and said: "the mere sound of His name will signal hope".

LEADER: Hear the words of Isaiah: "Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." The good news of Advent is that Christ is coming! The 'true light' of the world!

ALL: Let us welcome Him into our hearts, let us be guided by His ministry and let us go forward in hope.

LEADER: Let's pray together.

ALL: God, as we begin this Advent season, we open all of the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us your hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, so that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know more about who we are, we invite you to check out our website, www.gracebiblechurch.ca

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS BAKING FOR CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERTS

Hospitality team 3 is asking for Christmas baking to serve at our Christmas Choral Concerts on December 8 & 9. Please sign up on the sheet outside Lauren's office indicating how many dainties you will bring. Thank you in advance!

ATTENTION "PAGEANT INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE" MEMBERS

Your folder of Christmas music is ready to be picked up TODAY after the service! Please check with Margot to get your folder. The Band rehearses NEXT Sunday December 9th and December 16th from 11:45-12:15 pm in the sanctuary and December 16th at 6:15 pm in the choir loft. Please remember to bring your instrument, your music folder, and a music stand (if you have one) to rehearsals. If you did not sign up for the Pageant Ensemble but would still like to play, please let me know so that music can be provided for you at the first rehearsal.

Thanks! Margot