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Dear Grace of Christ Family,

Believe it or not, this Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. The focus for Sunday morning will be on the Hope that is ours in Christ. It is especially appropriate to look for the sure hope that is ours during these unsure times. So, throughout Advent, as we look at Hope, Peace, Love and Joy, we want you provide a sense of "Home for the Holidays." You will see this Sunday that the front of the sanctuary looks a little different. Plus, you will get to hear from some of our Missionaries from their own homes as they prepare for Christmas. Then, on Christmas Eve we are making plans to celebrate the birth of our Savior with two different types of worship services. There will be what we are calling a "Homestyle Christmas" at 4:30pm, and a modified version of Carols and Candles at 7:30pm. Look for registration announcements.

We also know that during this time, "home" may seem, look and feel a little different. There may not be the usual family gatherings. A loved one will not be with you for the first time, because they have had their eternal "homecoming" with their Heavenly Father. As part of the family here at Grace of Christ, whatever you are going through, we want you to feel at "home" with us through a variety of different ways. Look at our Grace Alive online, to see how you can join us as we help others experience a "home for the holidays".

Then, as you know Grant Anderson is one of our dear family members who is now at home with His Lord. Unfortunately, because of the restrictions in place due to the Covid19 virus, as with so many others, there will not be a Celebration of Life at this time. However, Jackie Anderson wants you all to know that you are welcome to say your goodbyes at a viewing for Grant on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> between 3pm and 7pm. The viewing will take place at the Brookside Funeral Home. In the meantime, Jackie is grateful for all your love and care and the prayers that are being offered for her at this time.

Because of Christ, and in His Grace,  
Pastor Bill