

Advent to Epiphany *at* *Grace*



"...Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

– Mark 1:3b

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2014 – 2015

First Sunday of Advent: November 30

8:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
9:00 am **Lectionary Study: Ella Brown Room**
10:00 am **Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir**
 Church School meets at 10:00:

Godly Play: with Alicia Cash

Grace Story Works: An introduction to Advent with Melanie Marcus.

Melanie has served as a pastor in The United Methodist Church. She is currently studying her twin passions of art and theology as a Candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree in The Arts and Theology at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Melanie is married to pastor, parishioner and choir member, Bob Leverenz and is the mother of two sons, Brett, 25, and Daniel, 24.

First Wednesday of Advent: December 3

8:00 am **Contemplative Morning Prayer for Advent**
 Christ Chapel in the City
 with Mother Esme Culver

Evening Program:

5:30 pm **Evening Prayer: Chapel of the Nativity**
6:00 pm **Soup Supper**
6:30 – 7:30 ***A Pilgrimage through Change***
 “On Pilgrimage – Where Do We Find Ourselves?”
 with Father Corbet Clark

We are already fellow travelers on a journey. Now is a time to stop and reflect on what has sustained us so far and to consider the directions our pilgrimage will take us next. We will consider the spiritual resources that we have already “packed” for the journey and what new resources we might need to go forward. This will be an interactive session, with writing and discussion. Join us this Advent as we begin our Pilgrimage through Change. For more information, contact Mother Esme Culver: esme@grace-memorial.org

First Thursday of Advent: December 4

7:00 am Morning Prayer: Chapel of the Nativity

7:30 am “Breakfast with Benedict!”

A wonderful way to begin Advent! Come for an hour (or less if you have to be at work by 8:00!). Delicious food and rich discussion with special Advent program and study. Join us for this very popular Grace program. For more information contact Mother Esme Culver esme@grace-memorial.org.

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Chapel of the Nativity)

Second Sunday of Advent: December 7

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Lectionary Study: Ella Brown Room (No Family Eucharist)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir

10:00 am Pageant Rehearsal 1

St. Nicholas Party and Potluck: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

An all-parish event! Activities for families, children and Grace Youth Group And.....a visit from St. Nicholas of Myra, patron saint of children, sailors, fishermen, merchants, the falsely accused, repentant thieves, archers and pawnbrokers. Come one and all!

Second Wednesday of Advent: December 10

**8:00 am Contemplative Morning Prayer for Advent
Christ Chapel in the City
with Mother Esme Culver**

Evening Program:

5:30 pm Evening Prayer: Chapel of the Nativity

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:30 – 7:30 *A Pilgrimage through Change*

“Journey to the Center of Advent: From Eschatology to Sales at Macy’s?”
with Father Stephen Whitney-Wise

Is it the end of something and the beginning of something new? Is it preparation for our destination? Join us for this presentation, dialogue, prayer and reflection as we really do make a list and check it twice!

Second Thursday of Advent: December 11

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Chapel of the Nativity)

Third Sunday of Advent: December 14

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Lectionary Study: Ella Brown Room
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir
10:00 am Pageant Rehearsal 2

Third Wednesday of Advent: December 17

8:00 am Contemplative Morning Prayer for Advent
Christ Chapel in the City
with Mother Esme Culver

Evening Program:

5:30 pm Evening Prayer: Chapel of the Nativity
6:00 pm Soup Supper
6:30 – 7:30 A Pilgrimage through Change
“Doorway into the Light” with Mother Esme Culver

As we near the end of Advent, we can view pilgrimage as a series of doorways, looking back to view the doorways passed through and looking forward to doorways that await all faithful pilgrims. Join us for this interactive presentation as we walk together toward the end of one pilgrimage through Advent to a new pilgrimage filled with gifts of the Spirit: joyous anticipation and hope.

Third Thursday of Advent: December 18

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Chapel of the Nativity)

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 21

8:00 am Morning Prayer with Holy Communion
9:00 am Lectionary Study: Ella Brown Room
10:00 am Advent Lessons and Carols
No Church School/Nursery available
11:30 am Pageant check in/mic check (if necessary)
11:30 am All Parish Greening of Grace
Youth and Families trim the Parish Christmas Tree

After the 10:00 am service on Sunday December 21st we will hang the boughs and lights in the upper choir and along the narthex wall and we'll hang fresh wreaths along the nave walls. Then we'll deck the halls of the community center with lights and decorate the tree with ornaments and lights. Many hands make light labor filled with Christmas cheer as we deck the halls!

Tuesday, December 23

9:00 – 12:00 noon Final Pageant Dress Rehearsal (Lunch provided)

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24

2:45 pm All Pageant participants arrive for final run-through
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist and Children's Pageant
6:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Carol Rite II
10:30 pm Traditional Service of Carols and Midnight Choral Eucharist
With Guest Musicians, Coventry Choir and Grace Bell Ringers

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

10:00 am Choral Eucharist

First Sunday after Christmas: December 28

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I – Christmas Story Sunday
10:00 am Choral Eucharist Rite II – Christmas Story Sunday
No Church School

December 29 through 31 ~ 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Bridges to Peace and Understanding Camp "Pilgrimage to Peace"

A three-day arts experience for children in grades 1 – 7 during three days between Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Day which provides a time for many faith traditions to come together in peace, working through the arts.

One of the greatest gifts you can give your child...

Pilgrimage to Peace

December 29, 30
and 31, 2014

9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Extended hours
available 2:30 - 6:00 pm

For children in
grades 1 through 7

from Grace Institute
1535 NE 17th Ave



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BRIDGES TO PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING ART CAMP

In this season of giving and thanksgiving, give your children the opportunity to build their own *Bridges to Peace and Understanding* by creating art, guided by artists from different faith traditions and cultural backgrounds.

As always, art camps at Grace include imagination, information, original art, fun and friendship. This year we explore what it means to be a pilgrim...to take a metaphorical journey to the center of one's deep, human desire for peace and beauty in the world. We all walk different paths but we all desire them to lead us toward a center of peace. Through various art forms, we will interpret pilgrimage from the perspectives of many different cultures and faith traditions. Our pilgrimage will culminate in discovering the power of the labyrinth in human centering and experience.

Join us in this growing camp for fun and for celebration of our diversity and our mutual desire for peace and understanding in the world!

Cost for the three-day camp is only \$175 per student. Some scholarships available.

Registration available by downloadable forms at www.grace-institute.org on October 1.

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New Year's Day, January 1, 2015 (Happy New Year!)

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Chapel of the Nativity)

12:00 noon Grace Annual Labyrinth Peace Walk

Join with our community of Grace and those from our outer community in this opportunity to make an intentional statement for peace during troubled times. We pray that 2015 might find peaceful resolution somewhere in the world and that we might be a part of it.

Second Sunday after Christmas: January 4

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Family Eucharist

9:00 am Lectionary Study: Ella Brown Room

10:00 am A Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols with Choral Eucharist Rite II

12:00 – 1:00 pm Catechumenate Inquiry Session

Feast of the Epiphany, Tuesday January 6

7:00 pm Epiphany Festival Evensong

followed by Carol Dancing and King's Cake in the Parish Hall

All are welcome to this festive community gathering, for fun and fellowship. You may find you are in possession of a secret shekel, be crowned as one of the Three Kings and given much applause (as well as a piece of the King's Cake!)

Thursday, January 8

9:30 am Holy Eucharist (Chapel of the Nativity)

First Sunday of Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord, January 11

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 am Lectionary Study: Ella Brown Room

9:00 am Catechumenate Inquiry Session (Repeat)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir