

SPECIAL UPDATES

YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAYS @ 5:00PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

CONTACT: ADMIN@GRACEDESMOINES.ORG

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

NOW AVAILABLE AT NO COST IN THE MAIN ENTRYWAY!



A community of faith that welcomes all.



OUR NEW CHURCH QR CODE MAKES IT EASIER THAN EVER TO WATCH OUR VIRTUAL SERVICES, ACCESS INSPIRING CONTENT, GIVE TO GRACE, AND STAY UPDATED ON UPCOMING EVENTS. SIMPLY SCAN THE CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE AND EXPERIENCE THE GRACE OF COMMUNITY, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE.

Giving To Grace

You can give to Grace by placing your offering in the offering plates, by visiting gracedesmoines.org, or by mailing your offering to Grace at 3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines, IA 50311.

Want to stay up to date with things Grace UMC?

Send an email to info@gracedesmoines.org to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter.

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Welcome To Grace

We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed. We are all invited to bless this church with our love, our presence, and our participation.

| ORDER OF WORSHIP JANUARY 7, 2024 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD | | |
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| PRELUDE | "Bring a Torch" | Traditional French Carol, arr. Lani Smith |
| WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| CALL TO WORSHIP | | |
| <p><i>Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly brings:</i> <i>Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.</i> <i>Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name:</i> <i>Worship the Lord in holy array.</i> <i>The voice of the Lord is upon the water:</i> <i>The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.</i> <i>The voice of the Lord is powerful:</i> <i>The voice of God is full of majesty.</i> <i>Let us praise the name of the Lord!</i></p> <p><i>The Lord be with you:</i> <i>And also with you.</i> <i>Let us pray: ...</i></p> | | |
| HYMN | “Holy, Holy, Holy” | UMH 64 |
| SCRIPTURE | | |
| <p>Holy Wisdom, Holy Word: Thanks be to God!</p> | | |
| INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF 2024 CHURCH LEADERSHIP | | |
| HYMN | "When Jesus Came to Jordan" | UMH 252 |
| SCRIPTURE | | |
| <p>Holy Wisdom, Holy Word: Thanks be to God!</p> | | |
| SERMON | “I am Well Pleased” | Dr. Gregory S. Neal |
| CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT | | |
| GLORIA PATRI | | |
| PASTORAL PRAYER | | |
| OFFERING | | |
| <p><i>Offerings of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. In addition to the offering plates that are being passed through the pews, you are invited to make contributions through the Church’s website. Thank you!</i></p> | | |

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| SPECIAL MUSIC | "Hark! Hear the Bells" | arr. Gilbert Martin |
| DOXOLOGY | | UMH 94 |
| HOLY COMMUNION | Musical Setting A | UMH 17 |
| THE LORD’S PRAYER | | |
| CLOSING HYMN | "Jesus, the Light of the World" | W&S 3056 |
| BENEDICTION & RESPONSE | | |
| POSTLUDE | | |
| Worship Leaders: Dr. Gregory S. Neal, Senior Pastor; Guest Organist: Claire Campbell; Duo Pianists: Claire Campbell, Muriel Pemble | | |

| SPECIAL UPDATES | |
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| Church Office Volunteers | Grace UMC Music |
| Interested in volunteering at our church office in 2024? Contact our Office Manager, Julie Rouse, at admin@gracedesmoines.org for details. A training session for new and existing volunteers is scheduled for January 16 at 10:00 AM. | The Chancel Choir and Grace Chimers will be taking a break in January. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 31 (5:45 pm for Grace Chimers, 7:00 pm for Chancel Choir). If you have any questions about either music group, please contact our Music Director, Ann Gerdom, or Chancel Choir Director, Greg Sojka, or Grace Chimers Director, Claire Campbell. |
| This Week at Grace | |
| Sunday, January 7 | Thursday, January 11 |
| 9:00 AM Sunday School | 5:00 PM Staff and Parish Relations Committee |
| 10:00 AM Worship | 5:30 PM Finance Committee |
| 11:15 AM Hospitality Time | 6:00 PM The Open Table |
| 3:00 PM Harriet Bailey Prayer Shawl Ministry | 6:30 PM Christian Education Meeting |
| 5:00 PM Youth Group | |
| Monday, January 8 | Friday, January 12 |
| 4:00 PM Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice | No Activities |
| 6:00 PM Crafternoon | |
| Tuesday, January 9 | Saturday, January 13 |
| 1:30 PM The Bible Year | No Activities |
| 5:00 PM Free Clinic and Meal | |
| 5:30 PM Preschool Meeting | Sunday, January 14 |
| 7:00 PM AMOS | 9:00 AM Sunday School |
| Wednesday, January 10 | 10:15 AM Worship |
| 9:00 AM Quilters | 11:15 AM Hospitality Time |
| 5:30 PM Trustees Meeting | 5:00 PM Youth Group |
| 5:30 PM Church and Society | 7:00 PM Life After Death Of Spouse |