

Prayer Response "Our Prayer" Chancel Choir

Offertory "In Remembrance of Me" Chancel Choir
Please fill out & tear out the pew registration pad page and give it to the usher.

*Doxology No. 95
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Consecration Pastor

*Hymn of Preparation "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" No. 626

*Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37 Pastor
Homily "Stay Alert" Pastor

Preparation of the Table Acolytes

Confession & Pardon

Leader & People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving No. 15

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Closing Hymn "Soon and Very Soon" No. 706

*Benediction Pastor

*Choral Response "Go Now in Peace" Chancel Choir

Going Forth in the Light Acolyte

*Postlude Accompanist

***Stand physically and/or in spirit**

Please leave any bulletins and inserts that you do not wish to keep in your pew, so that we can reuse or recycle them.

Acolyte	Mr. Charles Feltus
Usher	Mr. Buddy Wade

If you are visiting with us here at Grace UMC, we hope you will feel welcome, and will encounter God's grace in this service. We ask all guests and church members to sign the registration pad on the end of each pew. Please tear out the page and give it to the usher during the offering.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

*We at Grace United Methodist Church,
affirming ourselves to be a part of Christ's Holy Church
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
do seek to honor and glorify God
through sharing our gifts, talents, and service,
thereby responding to God's command to take His love to all people.*

ACTIVITIES AT GRACE
December 3 – December 9, 2017

Sunday, December 3

Sunday School Gathering	9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 4

Fitzpatrick Circle Christmas Dinner	6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, December 5

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, December 6

Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
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Thursday, December 7

Prayer Group	3:30 p.m.
Suicide Survivors Support Group	6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Saturday, December 9

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James E. Swanson Sr. – Bishop
Lindsey Robinson – District Superintendent
Linda Fox – Pastor
Dale Young – Music Director
Darlene Gilbert – Accompanist

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December 3, 2017	1 st Sunday of Advent	10:00 a.m.
Service of Word & Table		
Prelude		Accompanist
Entering in the Light		Acolyte
Life of the Congregation		Pastor
Call to Worship		
Responsive Reading	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	No. 801
Invocation		Pastor
The Lighting of the Advent Candle		Ronnie and Linda Harper
*Opening Hymn	“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”	No. 196
*Affirmation of Faith		
The Apostles’ Creed		No. 881
*The Gloria Patri		No. 70
<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</i>		
Prayers of the People		
Leader:	We pray to the Lord.	
People:	Lord, Hear our prayer.	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

CDs FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Pick up a CD and a calendar to deliver to the homebound member listed on the envelope. There are CDs for “loan” in the Information Center, for anyone missing a weekly service. Also, remember the sermon and anthem are posted weekly to our website www.natchezgrace.com

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MEN’S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER: Ladies, come and join us on Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Blue Grass Gospel Trio; consisting of Lewis Smith, Nathan Cobb, and Johnny Wayne Dillion will be here to share their music with us.

SPECIAL THANKS: Special thanks for those who have made our church look so beautiful. Dick Thompson for donating our beautiful tree; Jackie Wade, Beth Dudley, Wanda Holder and The Feltus family for all the decorations; and Bobby Harmon and Buddy Wade for putting up the manger scene outside!

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