



Gathering Music

Forever Reign

R. Morgan, J. Ingram

Cornerstone

J. Myrin, R. Morgan
E. Liljero, W. Bradbury

Even So Come

C. Tomlin, J. Cates, J. Ingram

***Opening Prayer/Confession/Absolution**

***Sharing the Peace**

Children's Sermon

Holy Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were

angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Holy Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way - with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge - God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Holy Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, following that distress, “‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back - whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

Sermon _____ Is Coming! Pastor Daniel M. Powell
Receiving of New Members

Response in Tithes and Offerings

Music

Greatest Hallelujah

Matt Redman
Don Steinberger, guitar, vocalist

***Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Meal/Blessing of the Children

Music

Jesus Messiah

D. Carson, C. Tomlin
E. Cash, J. Reeves

*Post-Communion Blessing

***Prayer of the Church**

***The Benediction**

***Sending Music**

There Is A Redeemer

He Is With Us

C. Rademake
J. King, S. Mosley

***Dismissal**



PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Intercessory Prayers

11/12/17

Tiffany Wright

Dave Noble (friend of Allison Denton)

Rick Stumpf (friend of Su-Ann Newport)

Helen Hixson

11/19/17

Alex and Kylie Brown (great-nephew and great-niece of Barb Fain)

Selah Joy Tuney

11/26/17

Marshall Whitacre (father of Beth Szekacs)

Elizabeth Mompton (sister of Laura Mokren)

Charlie Briegel (brother of Connie Everhart)

Prayers of Sympathy

For the friends of Mary Ellen Fulmer

Prayers of Support

For Celebrating Recovery House

For first responders

For marriages and families in crisis

For all seeking employment

For 2017 Grace council and staff

For those suffering from addiction

For Christian faith-based ministries

For our community, country, and our world

For family and friends living in care facilities

For Bishop John Bradosky, the North American Lutheran Church,
and the Southwest Ohio Mission District of the NALC

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

THIS WEEK

Sun., Dec. 3	8:00 a.m.	Worship (S)
1ST SUNDAY	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
IN ADVENT	9:15 a.m.	Triads (CR,L)
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship (FH)
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship/Receiving of New Members (S)
	2:00 p.m.	Community group (S/FH)
	8:00 p.m.	Community group (P)
Mon., Dec. 4	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Christmas Party (C)
Tue., Dec. 5	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (P)
	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Staff meeting - office closed
	2:30 p.m.	Community group (P)
	7:00 p.m.	Agape Guild (N108)
Wed., Dec. 6	5:30 p.m.	Grace Notes rehearsal (S)
	6:45 p.m.	7th-10th grade youth group (CC)
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (MR)
	7:00 p.m.	Discipleship Fast Track class (N108)
Thu., Dec. 7	9:00 a.m.	Service Quilter's Guild (N108)
	10:00 a.m.	Fuschino small group (YW105)
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study (P)
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Midweek Worship (S)
Fri., Dec. 8	8:00 p.m.	Community group (CR)
Sat., Dec. 9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study (P)
	9:30 a.m.	Men's Triad (P)
Sun., Dec. 10	8:00 a.m.	Worship (S)
2ND SUNDAY	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
IN ADVENT	9:15 a.m.	Triads (CR,L)
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship (FH)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship (S)
	12:00 p.m.	Handchimes rehearsal (S)
	2:30 p.m.	<i>Worship and Christmas Party at Springfield Manor</i>
	8:00 p.m.	Community group (P)

C	Café
CC	Community Center
CR	Conference Room
CW	Children's Wing
FH	Fellowship Hall
K	Kitchen
L	Library
MR	Music Room
N	Narthex
P	Parlor
S	Sanctuary
YW	Youth Wing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Email announcements to bulletin@grace-nalc.org by NOON on Tuesdays.)

Today: Adult Sunday School -

two new classes continue: The Reformation: What It Was and What It Is, taught by Pastor Powell in our Fellowship Hall, and The Life of David, taught by Dr. Eugene Swanger (N108)

Today: Adult Sunday School Offerings will support the Celebrating Recovery House.

Learn more about this unique partnership of eleven Springfield churches online at:

www.mychurchohio.com/cr-house

Today we welcome Judy Cary, Debbie Fralick, Emilee Jaskowiak, Charles and Mary Lantz, Josh Marks, Duane Meyers, Joe and Levi Mowers, and Tricia, Matt, Macy and Aiden Yeager into the membership of Grace Church. Please greet them and welcome them to our church family!

This month we celebrate with Brian Crewe who was baptized 80 years ago in December of 1937.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase poinsettias (\$7.00) and/or make a contribution to the Grace Endowment Fund in memory/or in honor of a loved one, forms are located on the harvest table in the narthex. All money and orders are due by Monday, December 11.

Christmas Food Baskets: Food collection boxes for The Salvation Army are in the Community Center now through Dec. 17. We need help with delivery on Dec. 19. Lists of food are available in the narthex. Thank you for all your help. Any questions please call Barbara Maxwell, 937-408-4275.

Women of Grace, Secret Sisters a great way to deepen connections with others is to become a Secret Sister. For more information or to sign up see the table in the Narthex.

To support Celebrating Recovery House, we are collecting toilet paper and paper towels in a large box in our narthex, now through the end of the year.

Midweek Advent Worship: Join with us each Thursday (December 7th, 14th, and 21st) evening at 7:00 here in the Grace sanctuary for worship. Our theme is "Never Alone."

Sunday, December 24th is Christmas Eve.

The schedule of worship is:

10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship

Springfield Manor Coat Drive: Springfield Manor residents are in need of winter coats in the following quantities and sizes.

• Men: 4 LG, 4 XL, 4 XXXL

• Women: 3 MED, 3 XL, 2 XXL, 1 XXXL

A collection box is in the narthex. For more information please call the church office, 937-399-6257.

Kids Hope Prayer Partners: our two newest Snowhill mentors need prayer partners. Please see Matt Rugh if you are interested in filling this important role!

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How have you served the Lord this week?

As a part of our efforts to provide 10,000 hours of service to area outreach ministries, share how you have served by completing the statement found on Sign-Up Central.

Grace will be serving at the Springfield Soup Kitchen on Mon., Jan. 29 and Mon., Feb. 26. Use Sign-Up Central to indicate your plans to serve, and be sure to indicate if you wish to carpool from the Grace parking lot.

Springfield Manor Christmas Gift Collection:

Please bring your items (body wash and socks for men and women) and place them in the decorated box in the narthex. We need 90+ sets! The Agape Guild will be wrapping these gifts during their meeting on the 5th of December.

Also, if you would make cookies for the party on December 10th, please use our Sign-Up Central to let us know. Please bring them marked "Manor Christmas Party" to the church kitchen no later than the morning of December 10.

8 a.m. Ushers Needed: We are in need of ushers for the 8 a.m. services. If you are interested in serving on a team, sign up in Sign-Up Central.

Save The Date Postcards are out for 8th-11th graders: 3:00 p.m. February 17th through 3:00 p.m. February 18th on the Wittenberg Campus. This will be our own 24 hour Grace Youth Retreat...more info to come.

Attendance Records

Thanksgiving Worship - November 21st

7:00 p.m. Worship.....51

Last Sunday - November 26th

8:00 a.m. Worship.....141

10:45 a.m. Worship.....176

Adult Sunday School.....72

Youth Sunday School.....48

The altar flowers are given to
the glory of God
and in memory of
Cheyenne Jones

by her father Lance and Beth Jones
and grandparents
Henry and Gail Jones

Scripture Readings Next week - December 10th Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

SERVING THIS MORNING (10:45 SERVICE)

Pastor	Daniel M. Powell
Pastor	Tom Brodbeck
Acolyte	Noah Veskauf
Lector	Bill Hester
Communion Assistants	Matt Rugh, Elaine Shaftner, Chuck Weller
Ushers	*Mike Stelzer, Amy Noyes, Shawn Nestor, Tom Veskauf
Altar Care	Pam Garrett, Bonita Holl
Sight & Sound	Chris Mokren
Offering Tellers	Cathy Noyes, Tom O'Neal
Church Preparation	Mike Thompson
Greeters	Melaina Vosskuehler
Welcome Center	Melody Leonard
Safety Stewards	*Dave Marlin, Roger Reed (10:00 - 12:30)
Fellowship Hosts	Lisa Ulery, Christy Detrick
Parking Attendants	Tom Stelzer, Robert Thompson (10:15 - 12:15)
Nursery Attendants	Ann Clayton, Grace Van Fleet, Carol Drown

*designates team leader



GRACE STAFF

Daniel M. Powell, Senior Pastor

Tom Brodbeck, Associate Pastor

John Andrews, Ministry Assistant for Communications

Barbara Blackburn, Director - Sanctuary, Handbell, and Handchime Choirs

Carol Drown, Nursery Attendant

Bev Kaech, Coordinator of Worship Music & Arts, Principal Organist

Darla Kalifoot, Church Administrator

Janet Rice, Director of Lay Ministry

Matt Rugh, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Tom Stelzer, Caretaker

Cindy Witker, Ministry Assistant

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