

Grace Notes

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December 2025

Jesus is the Christ

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those
who were under the law, so that we might
receive adoption as sons. – Gal. 4:4-5*

December is the time of year when daylight get shorter, the air gets cooler, Christmas decorations come out of hibernation, and Christmas hymns start showing up in church services. While I'm not a fan of decreasing daylight and frigid temperatures, I do look forward to singing traditional Christmas hymns during the worship service. There is something wonderful about singing hymns with fellow believers that focus our thoughts on the coming of Christ into the world. A coming that was promised by God to our first parents shortly after they sinned, and a coming God continued to affirm by his prophets until the Christ's arrival.

So, as we rightly affirm that Christmas is the story of Christ's birth, it is more than that. It is the fulfillment of God's prophetic word. While there are numerous examples of how the birth of Christ fulfilled certain Old Testament Scriptures, I want us to consider five examples that demonstrate Jesus is the promised Christ.

1. Christ would be born of a virgin.

Prophecy: *Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. – Is. 7:14*

Fulfillment: *She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel." – Mt. 1:21-22*

2. Christ would be born in Bethlehem.

Prophecy: *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. – Micah 5:2*

Fulfillment: *Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." – Mt. 2:1*

3. Christ would come from the tribe of Judah.

Prophecy: *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. – Gen. 49:10*

Fulfillment: *For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah. – Heb. 7:14*

4. Christ would be an heir to David's throne.

Prophecy: *Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.* – Is. 9:7.

Fulfillment: *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.* – Lk. 1:32-33

5. Christ would be preceded by a forerunner.

Prophecy: *Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.* – Mal. 3:1

Fulfillment: *As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'* – Mt. 11:7-10

Jesus is the promised Christ who fulfills the Scriptures that prophesied his coming. Therefore, as we celebrate Christmas, let us keep in mind, we are not simply remembering a birth, we are rejoicing in the faithfulness of God. And just as he kept his promise in the first coming of Christ, we can trust him to keep his word regarding Christ's return. Christmas is, therefore, both a celebration of fulfillment and a call to expectant hope. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**FOR UNTO US
a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
WONDERFUL,
COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD,
The everlasting Father,
THE PRINCE OF PEACE.**
Isaiah 9:6

**2026
100th Anniversary
Celebration Committee**

**We are looking for
volunteers to help
organize the
100th Anniversary of
Grace Presbyterian Church
Please contact
MaryAnn Bennett
if you would like to
participate.**



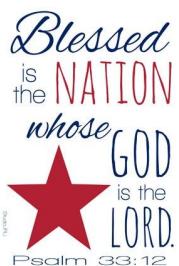
Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

“First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way.”

(I Timothy 2: 1-2)



The Lord's Supper

Grace Presbyterian Church will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday December 21

during the morning Christmas Candlelight Worship Service.



Please pray for the following physical concerns and spiritual needs of each, individual.

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”
Jeremiah 29: 12



**Please Join us every Wednesday
Time: 10:30**

**Where: Fellowship Hall
Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book
“Survey of the New Testament”
By
Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.**



“Looking to Christ: The Book of Hebrews”
by Marci Ogrosky

Marci is a pastor's wife, Mom, and has a degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Special Education. She is a down to earth writer that we have enjoyed learning from. Hebrews has 13 chapters, and encouragement is the heart of the book's purpose. Jesus sanctifies us for the true worship of God, so that we draw nearer to heaven.

Please join us on the second Tuesday every month at 10am at Grace. I think you will enjoy Bible study, prayer, and fellowship with loving Christian women. Bring a friend if you like. If you have any questions, please call Marsha Allison.

Pennies for Missions

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you've been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.

Calendar of Activities for the Month

Men of the Covenant: Thursday, December 4 at 1pm
Session Meeting: Sunday, December 7 at 12pm
WIC Circle Meeting: Tuesday, December 9 at 10am
Christmas Luncheon: Sunday, December 14 at 12pm
Prayer for our Nation: Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 am



Men of the Covenant December 4

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant which will resume its monthly meetings every first Thursday of the month.

We will have a time of fellowship, food, and a devotion from the Word of God.

The men gather around 1:00 p.m. for fellowship and the meal begins around 1:30 p.m.

*“As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.”
Proverbs 27: 17*

The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday, December 7 at 12:00 p.m. If you have something you would like the Session to discuss, please let Pastor Jim, Jesse Arnold, Randy Borill, or Cleve Chandler know.

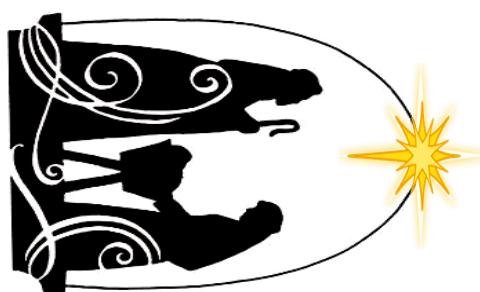


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When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
Matthew 2:10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	1:00pm Men of the Covenant		6
	7	8	9	10	11	12
		10:00 am WIC Circle Meeting	10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study			13
	14	15	16	17	18	19
			10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study			20
	21	22	23	24	25	26
			No Prayer meeting or Bible Study Today. 			27
	28	29	30	31		
			10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study			



Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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**GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
A
CHRISTMAS
CANDLELIGHT
WORSHIP SERVICE
ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 21
AT 10:45 AM**

Please invite your family and attend this worship service as we celebrate, with message And song, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed during the morning Candlelight Service



*come
let us
adore
HIM*



**Following the Morning Worship
Service,**

Christmas Luncheon
At Grace Presbyterian Church
will be held on

Sunday, December 14th

Bring your favorite Christmas dish or dessert to share, and stay after worship for a fellowship meal with our church family.

