

Order of Service

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Welcome



Prayer

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Scripture Memory Spotlight:
Luke 6:27

“But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, “

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

SERMON

Dr. Ross Layne

“The Battle For The Throne”
2 Samuel 17:24 -18:18

Benediction

Welcome to Grace Community Church!



Grace Community Church is live-streaming the worship service on Facebook Live and You tube.




You can access either: through the link on the homepage at ourgcc.com Please be sure to contact the church office church at **414-771-3020** or email office@ourgcc.com to let us know if you would like a phone call from a pastor.

Upcoming Events

Tues. Dec. 10 6:30 pm: Men’s Study
7:00 pm: Elders
Wed. Dec. 11 6:00 pm: Learning and Leaning
Fri. Dec. 13 5:30 pm: Caroling
Sun. Dec. 15 9:00 am: Sunday School & Bible Study
10:15 am: Corporate Worship
12:15 pm: Choir

Upcoming Events

Tues. Dec. 17 6:30 pm: Men’s Study
7:00 pm: Missions
Wed. Dec. 18 5:30 pm: Family Night Caroling Outreach
Sun. Dec. 15 9:00 am: Sunday School & Bible Study
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Next Learning and Leaning:
“The Mystery of the Kingdom”
Wed 12/11/24 from 6-7pm

A Message from the Treasurer,
Kurt Sonnenburg:
“All donations and gifts that you wish to go on your 2024 GCC giving statement, must be dated no later than 12/31/2024.”





Family Christmas Event
TONIGHT!! 4-7pm

- **4:00 PM:** Family Activity & Craft
- **5:00 PM:** Christmas Program
- **6:00 PM:** Dinner in the Cafeteria

● Our Community Caring Projects include:

- Evangelical Child and Family Agency collecting baby items, and the Milwaukee Rescue Mission—collecting new Men’s socks. **Donations can be brought to church the whole month of December.** Donation boxes at the back of the Sanctuary.

Note: Please place your offering in the box on the back table next to the door as you leave the Sanctuary.



Weekly Bible Reading

Deut.21:18-23; 2 Sam. 8-9;
Matt.6:25-34;10:26-42; Rev.12

Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Study in the book of Job. Please see Phil Snyder for more info!

Mens Bible Study



Family Night is Dec. 18th!

5:30pm - Meal

6:00-7:00 pm - All church Caroling and Outreach to the neighbors. Please contact the office for more information!

Service will be held

Tuesday, 12/24 at 4:00pm



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Friday, December 13th
Starting at 5:30pm
Sign up sheet on back table
Or see Jovelyn for more info!



Gift Cards for Christmas



If you are planning on purchasing gift cards for Christmas through our RaiseRight SCRIP program, be sure to submit your orders no later than 12/15 to ensure delivery in time for Christmas (delivery on 12/22).



Planning for the holidays? Birthdays? Family Celebrations? Weddings? Shopping Online, or In-Store RaiseRight can work for you!

RaiseRight is just another way to pay for your purchases using gift cards *in place of* cash, checks and credit cards! Plus, they make great gifts themselves! Don’t forget we stock approx. 40 cards but can order from over 750 vendors. GCC receives between 2 and 14% rebate on all cards purchased.

See Darleen at the Book table in the Lobby.

ANIVERSARIES

Dec. 21: Randy and Demetra Slak



BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 08: Madelyn Zielinski
Dec. 09: Madria Brockmeyer, Alan Marsch
Dec. 10: Bennett Ivy, Justus Kersh
Dec. 12: Ken Fugate, Kurt Sonnenberg
Dec. 14: Alan Piggott
Dec. 18: Christine Schroeder
Dec. 19: Gloria Balderas



Today I will pray for:

Our Church Family

- * **Leeroy J.** - Healing
- * **Lori R.** - Healing
- * **Jim H.** - Healing
- * **Dawn G.** - Healing
- * **Ricardo C.** - Healing
- * **Nancy K.** - Healing
- * **Alan M.** - Healing
- * **Kathleen C.** - Healing
- * **Jovelyn C.** - Healing
- * **Roxanne L.** - Strength
- * **Angela T.** - Illness management
- * **Kate G.** - Illness management
- * **Strong marriages at GCC**
- * **Church members & attendees without jobs**
- * **Lost family and friends**
- * **Elijah E.** - Serving in the Military

Missionaries Serving Locally & Overseas:

- * **Tige and Renee Smith** - Cambodia
- * **SBC Gerson Reyes** - Mexico City, Mexico
- * **Tim T** - Philippines
- * **Samuel M** - Romania
- * **Eugeniusz T** - Poland/ Ukraine Relief
- * **Regan and Mellie M.** - South Africa
- * **SBC Africa Representatives - Bayak; Radi I., Prosper, Simon S.**
- * **SBC Myanmar Representative - Henry L.**
- * **SBC India Rep. - Kishore, Prasanna Kumar, Gummadi Ebenezer**
- * **GCC Evangelism Ministry**
- * **Milwaukee Rescue Mission** - Dean M. preach 12/22

Social Concerns:

- * **An end to abortion**

Sunday Morning Bible Study & Sunday School

Prayer Group: 8:30 am - Room 118

One Accord Bible Study: Room 306

New Life Bible Study: Room 204 in Summer

Sunday School:

PreK-6 years – Room 207– Melissa Layne and Karen Donohoo

7-12 years – Room 201 - Ariail Layne and helper

Helpers for Today

Prayer: Rick Ellis

Nursery: Renae Ebert, Jasmin Kersh

Children's Church: Dick & Beth Neustifter, Bette Milhans

Greeters: Bill & Debbie O'Brien

Cathy Degner, Jovelyn Clemins

Helpers for December 15th

Prayer: Ted Groves

Nursery: Lisa Parsons, Heather Holoubek

Children's Church: Renae Ebert, Yamin Price

Greeters: Denise Ellis, Christine Schroeder,

Diana Yegge, Jan Bergersen

Praise Team

John Jaquez (leader), Tim & Suzanne Caldwell,
Grace Anne Ellis, Tim & Judi Kasun, Danielle Menger,
Al Piggott, Jeff & April Smith

Technical and Sound

Jesse Ceron, Dean Mertins, Kurt Sonnenburg

GCC Giving

Last Week 2024: \$3,682.41

Last Week 2023: \$5,120.00

YTD 2024: \$278,924.21

YTD 2023: \$292,042.70



Invest In a Vision:

Special offerings are given for the GCC building fund. To donate, write **Invest in A Vision (IIAV)** on the memo line of your check.

Last Week: \$20.00

Total IIAV: \$352,674.21

SCRIP: Total Profit Jan–Nov. 2024 - \$3392.56

Total Profit for Jan. - Dec. 2023 - \$3,100.80



December 8th, 2024



“THE BATTLE FOR THE THRONE”

Presented by:
Pastor Ross Layne

"Then David mustered the men who were with him ..."
2 Samuel 18:1

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful merciful Savior
Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men
Oh You rescue the souls of men

Chorus

You are the One that we praise
You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for
Oh our hearts always hunger for

Counselor Comforter Keeper
Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way
Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Almighty infinite Father
Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne
Oh we're falling before Your throne

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo
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Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise