



GRACE MENNONITE
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December 21, 2025

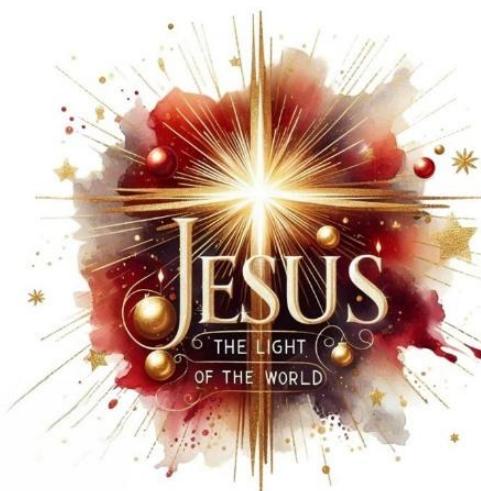
Sunday School 9am Worship Service 10am

Office hours: Tues & Thurs. 10-2 (may be subject to change)

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Christmas is proof that no matter how messy or broken life feels, God can bring beauty and hope through it all. May His love shine brightly in your heart this season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!





Today's Message by Pastor Josh

“A NEW HOPE”

LUKE 2: 1-20

*“For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.”*
Ephesians 2:8, NIV

Please turn your cell phones off or silence them during the service.
Wifi Network: Connect to Graceguest Password JesusSaves

Order of Service

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Keith Bly, Worship Leader

Third Sunday of Advent:

Amanda Fauls & Kay Kibler

Announcements

Music

Offering

Dismiss children for Children's Church

Sermon: Pastor Josh

Hymn

Sharing Time/Prayer Requests

Benediction

Worship Schedule

	Dec 21	Dec 28
PREACHING	Pastor Josh	Pastor Josh
WORSHIP LEADER	Keith Bly	Scott Liskey
Music Team	Mathias Team	Davis Team
CHILDREN'S CHURCH PreK-3rd Grade	Stratton family	Denise & Kacey Lam
Jr. Church 1st & 3rd Sunday's	Celebration with Children's Church	_____
TODDLER ROOM	Jenny Arbogast & Amy Schrock	Diane Oswald & Amanda Fauls
Secure Church	Chris Mathias	Jake Buchanan

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Dec 24th Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
here at Grace, 6pm.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***COOKBOOKS, COOKBOOKS, COOKBOOKS!** This is your last week to purchase these if you want them for a Christmas gift! Share the gift of food (well sorta) with a unique cookbook!

***Mark your calendars for January 18th for the Annual Business Meeting.** We will approve the budget and the Nomination Slate for 2026. Also, some of our missions will be giving a year-end report on what they did in 2025. This is your church and it's good to know what going on.

***Leadership Teams...SAVE THE DATE:** Leadership Retreat, Feb 20-22, 2026. Worship Retreat, Feb 27-Mar 1, 2026. More details to come.

Blue Ridge District News

***Weavers Mennonite Church:** Christmas Eve, 6pm - Service of Lessons and Carols in Shady Oak at Weavers; Scripture reading, traditional hymns, and candle lighting.

***Eastside: Christmas Eve, 7pm** - This is the King — Worship, Scripture reading, cookies and cocoa.

GIVING...

Attendance

Last Sunday: 123

One year ago: 141

All Giving Last Sunday:

\$2728

Breakdown of Last Sunday

General Funds: \$2583

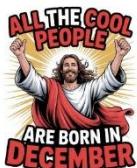
Cookbooks: \$145

EASY TITHE	July	Aug	Sept
General	3958	3015	3140
Pantry	405	385	425
VCM	45	55	45
Philippines	50	60	1050
Compassion	90	130	100
Totals	4548	3645	4760

This Week's Calendar

Mon, Dec 22 Food Pantry, VCM
Tues, Dec 23 Church Cleaning
Thur, Dec 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service here, 6pm
 Communion

Please remember to schedule events or other activities thru the church office.



December Birthdays

Dec 26: Adam Keckley
Dec 30: Bram Arbogast, Noah Richards,
Camden Russell,
Marlene Melhorn, Austin Altland
Dec 31: Jeany Shifflett

Prayer List

Pray for our church and those that lead us; pray for those that are homebound; pray for our country and our leaders. Continued prayers: Palmers, Stephanie Thomas, Archie Long family, Levina Miller's family, Jean Trobaugh. Pastor Josh's grandfather passed away on Tuesday, (Wanda) Larry Heatwole's granddaughter and her pregnancy.

Praises: Mariah Clement & Austin Altland.

Please remember our elderly by sending them a card...

Dan Benner

Liz Landis

Frances Showalter

Paul Mishler

Virginia Saylor

Millie Early

Butch Delp

Roy & Margaret Palmer

Luke 2: 13-20

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.**” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Mission Statement

We will endeavor to faithfully give ourselves to prayer, worship, and study of the Bible. We acknowledge that God invites us to practice love, forgiveness, and hospitality to all humanity. We commit ourselves to invite others to faith in Jesus and to seek God’s peace in our homes, work, neighborhoods, & the world.

Vision Statement

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as a witnessing community of love, grace, joy and peace; so that God’s healing and hope flowthrough us to the world.

Important Contacts

Josh Cox, Lead Pastor

Mike Oswald, Elder Chair

Kent Armentrout, Council Chair

Keith Bly, Treasurer

Larry Davis, Head Trustee

Tamra Puffenbarger, Care Team Lead

Kay Kibler, Administrative Assistant

Jacob Armentrout, Sound Tech

Bekah Mongold, Visuals