

Please be in prayer for the family members of our brothers and sisters who have gone home to be with the Lord.

**ROSEMARIE JOHNSON - November 29, 2019, Mother of Judy** (Steve) Hoffman and Sylvia Webster.

MERLE SMITH - December 11, 2019. Husband of Patricia; stepfather of Randy Szidon, Jeff Szidon, Diane Hendricks, and Tom Szidon.

LOVINA SWONGER - December 12, 2019, Mother of Connie (Steve) Ennis and Ron Swonger.

WEAVER, FRED - December 12, 2019, Husband of Ann: father of Rodney Weaver, Ward Weaver, and Annette Williams; brother of Don Weaver.





### **Grace Alive!**

Sundays WEEK-TV 25 - 9 AM WBNH-FM 88.5 — 9 AM

### Live Stream

Sundays media.gracepres.org — 11 AM



### **Unlimited Grace Radio**

You can listen to all of Pastor Bryan's "Unlimited Grace" radio programs at media.gracepres.org/unlimitedgrace or by subscribing to the podcast in the iTunes tore.





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### Communion Celebration

Todav. 8:30am and 11:00am

Partaking in the Lord's Supper in communion allows believers to confess together that we need Jesus Christ to nourish every day of our lives with his provision of love and pardon. If you are uncertain whether you are a believer in Christ, you are encouraged to let the elements pass by during today's serving of communion. Instead, we invite you to use this time to ask God to guide you in this way: "Lord, if what you claim is true about Jesus dying as a sacrifice for my sins, then open to my heart the reality of who you are and how loved I am." You are welcome to speak to a pastor or use the "Responding to Grace" card at your seat to request information about having a relationship with God through Jesus.

### **Women's Tuesday Bible Studies**

January 14, 2020

Women's Tuesday Bible Studies begin January 14 with a new semester of class options. More information coming soon!

# **Upcoming Calendar Events**

The end of the year is fast approaching. Here are a few notable dates for your calendar.

> December 24 - Christmas Eve service(s) December 25-27 - Building closed December 31-January 1 - Building closed



Many of our Grace Kidz volunteers are heading to warmer climates for the winter, creating vacancies in our ministry teams. If you are able to serve at least once during the winter months, please contact Julie Cordes at jcordes@gracepres.org or visit www.gracepres.org/kidzvolunteers for more information.

# GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

(309) 693-3641

Sunday Services 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 9:45 a.m. 8607 STATE ROUTE 91 | PEORIA IL 61615 | WWW.GRACEPRES.ORG



# ORDER OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 22, 2019

PRAISE AND CONFESSION ASSURANCE OF GRACE WELCOME

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

GRACE FROM GOD'S WORD

"The Gift of a Priest" 1 John 4:7-12 p. 1023 in the Grace Bible Dr. Bryan Chapell

COMMUNION BLESSING FOR GOD'S MISSION

	— SERMON NOTES	
Today's sermon	outline has been translated into	multiple languages

and is available at the Welcome Center.

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **End of Year Giving**

Thanks to all who faithfully and prayerfully offer end-of-year gifts to God's work here at Grace. Any cash or check donations that you wish to have included on your 2019 giving statement must be received by noon on Monday, December 30, as the church will be closed through January 1. If mailed, they must be postmarked by December 31. Donations received after that time must be credited to your 2020 giving. Please contact the Finance Director with any questions at smonn@gracepres.org or 309-589-6405.

### **Christmas Eve** Services

One of the highlights of the year is our Christmas Eve service. To accommodate family and work schedules, this year we will once



again have two services. The primary, family-friendly service will be held at 4:00pm in the worship center and will include a special children's story from Pastor Bryan. The second, more informal service is designed for those that cannot attend the earlier service. It will be held at 7:30pm in the chapel. Families will remain together for this service as well.

# Jr. and Sr. High Winter Retreats

Boys - Jan. 17-19 (register by Jan. 5) Girls - February 14-16 (register by Feb. 2) We are heading back to Great Oaks Camp outside of Lacon, IL, for our youth winter retreats! Open to any students grades 7 through 12. We will have separate weekends for the guys and girls for a time of fun, fellowship, and growing in the truth of God's Word. Registration packets are available now! For more information, contact Andrew Kemp (akemp@gracepres.org) or Cara Schuck (cschuck@gracepres.org) or call 309.589.6470.





## **Financial Peace University** Dave Ramsev's Financial

Peace University will once

again be offered at Grace as part of our winter 2020 MidWeek Grace. More information will be coming in the next few weeks, but in the meantime, you can mark your calendars for the January 15 start date.



# Winter Coat Collection for Dream Center

December 16-22. North Canopy Entrance We are partnering with Dream Center Peoria to collect gently used or new men's, women's, and

children's winter coats to give to those who can greatly use them this winter. Please consider partnering with us and drop off any coats in the box right inside the North canopy entrance of the church between Monday, December 16 and Sunday, December 22. Thank you!

# **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Jonathan & Sarah Nitz Family

As we light the Angel candle today, we look back to the first coming of Christ the



Lord, announced by angels, and we look forward to His second coming, pre-announced by angels, when Christ will return to earth in all His majesty and glory to receive His own unto Himself.