

Hearing Assists are available at the Sound Booth.

Because of the Christmas and New Year holiday weekends there will be NO Sunday School, NO Adult Bible Study, NO Children's Church and NO Nursery (unless people volunteer) on December 25th and January 1st.

Youth Group - Pastor Andrew & Heidi are hosting a Christmas party at their house on Wednesday, December 14th. Middle school meet at the Johnsons' house at 6 PM. High school come after AWANA. Middle school, please bring a wrapped \$5 white elephant gift. High school, please bring a snack to share. Feel free to invite friends!

If you are willing to serve in the **nursery during Christmas service or New Year's service**, please contact Pam Russell.

Thank You

Please express your appreciation to Shari Clemesen and her assistants for the children's Christmas program! Our church presented a live nativity yesterday! Some of you provided labor ('creative' or 'just' labor!), supplies, or all that's involved with bringing an animal. Others offered a hot beverage, conversation, music, and a warm fire for visitors. And some were brave enough to put on a costume. THANK YOU for this gift to our kids and community! What a wonderful way to honor God With Us!

PRIME TIME fellowship for our seniors is scheduled to take place here at the church Tuesday, December 20, at 6:00 pm. Bring a potluck dish and be prepared for fun and fellowship. Questions? Call or text Dick Nichols at 249-2023.

Christmas Day Potluck and Movie: Please see the insert.

Thank you to all who baked cookies or served at the lighted Christmas parade. We served over 200 bags of cookies and 12 gallons of hot chocolate. A wonderful team effort!

Week at a Glance:

Sunday, December 11—Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am

Monday, December 12—Warriors of Grace Prayer Group 7 am

Tuesday, December 13—Warriors of Grace Prayer Group 4 pm

Wednesday, December 14—Family meal 5:30-5:50 pm, Youth Group 6-9 pm, AWANA 6-7:30 pm

Saturday, December 17—Praise Team Practice 9 am

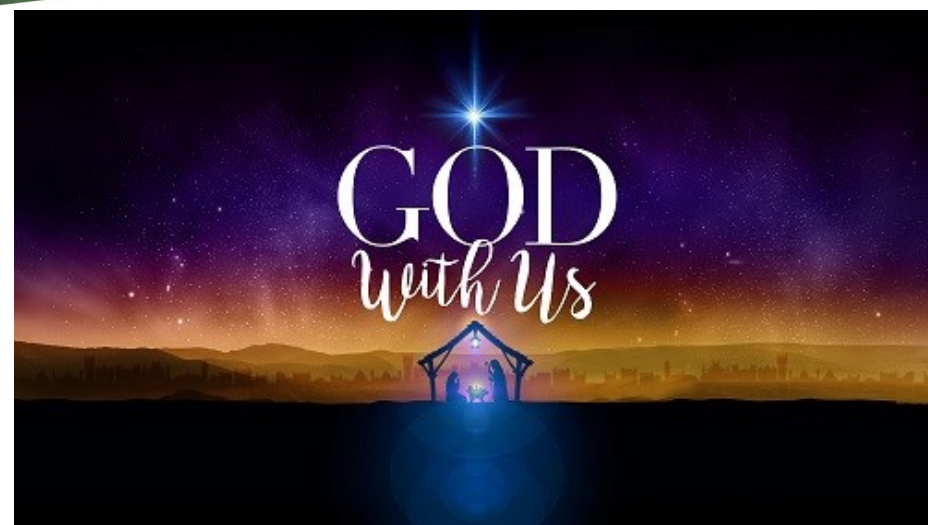
Sunday, December 18—Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am

***Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming Events.** ➡

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God With Us Brings Joy
John 2:1-11

December 11, 2022

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WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

**Youth Sunday
School & Adult Bible
Classes**

9:15 a.m.

**Worship
Service**

10:30 a.m.

Your children are welcome in the worship service.

The following ministries are also available:

Nursery

Available during the Worship Service for little ones from Infant—Age 2.

Children's Church

Available for children 3 years old through 5th grade during the sermon.

Children are dismissed at the end of Worship in Singing.

***On major holiday weekends there will be NO Sunday School,
NO Children's Church, NO Nursery, and NO Adult Bible Fellowship***

**If you use a smart phone or tablet, you
can find notes for today's sermon under
the "Events" section of the Bible app.**



Looking for a place to serve? You can volunteer in music, children's and many more ministries. Email us at **serve@GracePointAtlantic.com** to get involved.



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Remind for Youth Updates—>Contact Pastor Andrew

Children's Discipleship Director—Pam Russell

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Senior Ministries Director—Dick Nichols



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Thank you for financially supporting the ministries of our church! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the donations box immediately to the right when you enter the auditorium. They can also be mailed to the church by check, or you can give through our website via PayPal using a credit or debit card. Thank you!

To our guests—Thank you for joining us! We're delighted you chose to worship with us! We'd love to meet you, answer any questions and give you a welcome gift at our Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall.



Sermon: *God With Us Brings Joy*
Scripture: John 2:1-11
Speaker: Pastor Don McLean
Sunday: December 11, 2022

We have JOY because Jesus was born!

Water to Wine

Two Sticky Issues

1. Jesus' Choice of Beverage
2. The Exchange between Mary & Jesus

What sort of joy does Immanuel bring?

1. _____ Joy
2. _____ Joy
3. _____ Joy

Next Week = 4th Sunday of Advent * Luke 8:40-48

Additional Announcements and Upcoming Events

No Table Top Game night on December 24th.

Wednesday Family Meals are wrapping up for the holidays. Thanks to all cooking team members and food suppliers for making it possible to serve 72 kids and adults on average each week. That is over 600 people. What a great showing of love to our families. Thank you!

A Cass County Christmas: A Celebration of Christmas Music. Wednesday, December 21. Atlantic High School Auditorium. 7:30 p.m. Free-will donation. One night only.

UPDATE: The dryer has been provided. An additional item for this request is a microwave. Need in our community: An individual in our community is in need of a washer and ~~dryer~~. This is a physical need that our community can support to share the gospel. If you are able to fulfill or contribute to this need, please contact Cindy Nichols (712-789-0411).

Giving Tree Outreach:

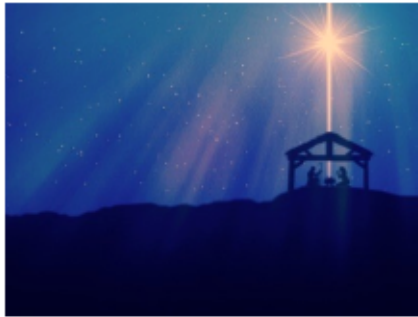
Throughout the year, the Hands of Grace outreach team comes into contact with people in our community who we can serve in practical ways, pray for, and seek opportunities to share the gospel. As we enter the holiday season, Grace Point once again has the opportunity to support families in need through the Giving Tree Outreach. Here are some ways that you can contribute:

- 1.) Take an ornament or a few from the tree in the fellowship hall and purchase the item(s). Return the item(s) **with original ornaments** to the fellowship hall by December 18. Wrapping the gifts is appreciated.
- 2.) Take an envelope from the tree and donate cash toward the purchase of gifts. You can put the designated envelope in the offering box.
- 3.) Pray for the families that will receive these gifts as we build relationships and share the love of Christ in tangible ways.

If you have questions, please contact Brielle Cerven (712-621-3060) or Laura McLean.

Church family, thank you so much for the flower arrangement, cards, meals, and words of comfort since my mom's passing. We are so thankful for each one of you and appreciate your prayers over the last several weeks. Brett & Sarah Altman and family

Please check your email and the church Facebook page regularly for updates from the church about programs, etc. If you have subscribed to our all-church e-mail list, but aren't receiving our e-mails, please check your spam/junk folder and verify that church@gracepointatlantic.com is in your address book/contacts. If you are not subscribed and would like to be, please e-mail the church office at church@gracepointatlantic.com and request the link to sign up.



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Children's Sunday School Christmas Program

Prelude and Narrator
Mary
Joseph

Claire Olesen
Emmylou Clemsen
Carson Thompson

Vocalists

Ethan Allsup
Noah Bateman
Jace Bateman
Tegan Bateman
Paige Marnin
Noland Marnin

Natalie Thompson
Alex Clemsen
Naomi Clemsen
Wrenley Hardy
Bennett Hardy
Greta Olesen

Assistants

Katie Carr Ada Nichols Jett Nichols Jack Wagner

Pianist
Director

Cindy Nichols
Shari Clemsen



YOU ARE INVITED

Christmas Day Potluck & Movie

Maybe you aren't celebrating with family on Christmas Day, or maybe you just want help with all the cooking. Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with some Christmas day fellowship, food and fun

We will be showing the movie, The Star, an animated movie that will delight children and adults!

The Fun Begins Immediately following our Worship Service

**PLEASE CONTACT JAN MYERS (712-249-8615) IF
YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP.**



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