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## ADVENT



**Welcome to Worship here at Grace Baptist Church  
Sunday, December 3, 2023  
First Sunday of Advent  
Communion Sunday**

### **Advent 2023**

What Zechariah is Dreaming of this Christmas

*Zechariah 1-6 (3:1-4:14)*

Pastor Jeff

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*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. The Sto:lo ("people of the river") have lived in and cared for this land for thousands of years, and we acknowledge that this land in which we live, work, and worship is the unceded territory of the Chawathil First Nation of the Tiyt Tribe. Our desire is to partner with them in caring for the land and each other.*

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## GBC LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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**Zechariah 1-7**

**Psalms 84**

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# ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week in Adult Sunday school we begin an Advent Series on Testimonies of God's faithfulness. ***This week we will hear Spencer Cameron share his journey with Jesus*** and be reminded of the hope that Christ brings despite the circumstances we find ourselves in.

The Children's SS will be practicing the shadow play that they will be presenting on Dec. 13th at the Clubs Christmas Concert.



## RELATIONSHIPS



### THIS WEEK'S PRAYER NEEDS

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***We have been praying for the Shirt children, Therius, Trintin, and Tenaya, for weeks now as the details get settled regarding their future plans. As many of you know they are now in Glendon, Alberta with their mom, as she finishes a stint in a family reunification and recovery centre. At the same time many of you have been learning about fasting and prayer in the course we recently held on Tuesday evenings. **We would like to invite all who are willing to fast and pray on Wednesdays from now through the season of Advent, specifically asking God to work in this time of transition for the kids, as well as to bring healing and recovery for their mom.*****





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~~Camp Squeah at 5:00pm.~~ The sign up deadline has passed but for those of you coming here's important information. Our meal and program will run from 5:00pm-7:00pm with time afterward to visit or play games in the Squeah Lodge. The event is free but donations toward the cost will be accepted.



*Hope Community Choir presents*

## **Christmas Carol Remix!**

**Christmas Variety Concert**  
**Sunday, December 3**  
2:00 PM  
Grace Baptist Church  
949 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Hope  
*Admission by donation to the choir's Student Bursary Fund\**

**PERFORMERS INCLUDE:**

Hope Community Choir	Todd Richard	Chawathil Sacred Connections
<i>Conductor: La Vern Klassen</i>	Laurie Trayer	Benjamin Neufeld & Tim Larson
<i>Accompanist: Jenneka McRae</i>	Silver Hope Dance Academy	Peter Flynn & John Corbett
	The Unusual Orchestra and more!	

*\*Any excess funds raised will go towards purchasing new music for our non-profit choir.*

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# CLUBS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

## 12.13.2023



**FREE  
MAC&CHEESE  
DINNER BUFFET  
@5PM**

**CONCERT BEGINS  
@6PM**

**NO  
AFTERSCHOOL  
CLUBS ON THE  
13TH OR 20TH**

**COME SEE YOUR CHILDREN SING  
AND MEET THEIR LEADERS**

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On Sunday December 17th we will be Christmas Caroling in our community. If you'd like to tag along meet at the church at 6:30.

We will be carpooling so those of you who can drive please let Jeff, Kari, or Jake know. Also if you know of someone who would love some carollers please pass that info along to Pastor Jeff.



It's time to renew/update our church directory. It so helpful as we live as family to know each others names and faces! Please stop by the table in the foyer to update your info or share new contact info. Ray Dawes will be taking pictures in the Hope Room (at the front door). Please stop in so he can catch your smile to share with the rest of us. The updated directory will be available to anyone brave enough to be in

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Many of you are aware that Gordon Martin, husband of Sue Martin who serves as one of the Northwest Harvest, passed away suddenly last week. This has come as a shock to the whole community and while we grieve with hope that comes from the truth and power of the resurrection, we still grieve deeply for and with Sue and her family. Gordon was employed as a missionary with Wycliffe Translators. Their missionary support policy does not allow them to receive donations on Gordon's behalf after he dies, which means that a large part of the Martin's

income has come to an end. Wycliffe is encouraging Gord's supporters to continue to support Sue through this time of transition by giving at this link. <https://www.givesendgo.com/GBDXB>. Gordon's Memorial Service will be held at GBC on Dec. 9th at 11:00am.



# MISSION





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Thank you for all the clothing donations! Greatly appreciated. Please keep donations coming, especially warm clothing and blankets. Contact Sherry Vath or leave your donation at the church in the basket near coat rack labeled "Clothing".



WORSHIP



Advent is here. That means the Community Church Advent Walk is this Monday night. Why don't you join with us as we walk from



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**December 4th. We will start at the Hope United Church at 6:00** and visit several churches before wrapping up here at GBC. This will be followed by a time of fellowship with hot chocolate and goodies. **We do need some help with snacks for afterward. If you like to bring some baking to share please let one of the pastors know. We could also use some help in the kitchen.** You can do that also by clicking [HERE](#) to email.

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We will be celebrating Communion together today. Please gather your elements at home.



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