

**VOLUNTEERS TODAY**  
**LITURGISTS:** 8:30 Monica Oakes  
 11:00 Brena Conley  
**USHERS:** 8:30: Mary Neal, Louise McColl  
 11:00: Bob High—leader  
 Henry Cichoracki, Amanda Ladd,  
 Rich Reichardt, Braden Lester  
**TRUSTEES ON DUTY:** Ernie Allen  
 Gary Atwell  
**ALTAR:** Renate Cooper, Jo Ellen Hickmon  
**SOUND SYSTEM:** 8:30 Chris Stenerson  
 11:00 Tom Guthrie  
**GREETERS:** Tom Powers and Don Bowers


**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
 The flowers on the altar are offered to the  
 Glory of God in loving memory of my brother,  
 Pastor Jim's 6th anniversary in Heaven by  
 Judy Siebold.


**GRACE STAFF**  
 Rev. Benton W. Oakes, III M.Div. - Senior Pastor  
 Jerry Cribbs - Director of Music Ministries  
 Leslie Bergbower - Organist  
 Kelsey Keenan - Director of Children's Ministry  
 Jada Martinez - Director of Youth Ministry  
 Janet Keenan—Nursery Leader  
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**Grace is pleased to offer the following  
 accommodations:**  
**Hearing and Mobility Impaired Equipment,  
 Defibrillator, Nursery.**  
**Please see an usher for assistance.**

**HOW ARE WE DOING ON  
 OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS?**  
 (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service)  
**In-person/Online Attendance & Offering**  
**for 1/01/2023**  
 In-person Worship Service:  
 11:00 am 160  
 Online Worship Service: 69  
 Operating Funds Given \$ 7,210  
 Building Preservation \$ 1,175  
**for 12/31/2022**  
 Operating Funds Given \$ 5,920  
 Building Preservation \$ 20  
**December**  
 Operating Funds Given YTD \$ 631,261  
 Operating Expenses YTD \$ 688,655  
 Balance \$ (57,394)  
**December**  
 Annual Bld. Preserv. Receipts \$ 55,829  
 Annual Bld. Preserv. Fund Exp. \$ 31,253  
 Balance \$ 24,576

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Grace United Methodist Church is a  
 Stephen Ministry Congregation.   
 Christ caring for people through  
 people.



**Grace United Methodist Church**  
 January 8, 2023  
*Baptism of the Lord*  
 8:30 and 11:00 am

\*Please stand.

The Chiming of the Trinity

The Welcome/Grace In Action

Pastor Benny Oakes

The Prelude

*Baptized in Water*

Michael Burkhardt

*(During the prelude, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.)*

**\*The Call to Worship**

**Liturgists**

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of  
 glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**Many: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord  
 is full of majesty.**

One: "Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord.

**Many: That comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal  
 Word.**

One: The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;

**Many: In heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's  
 kingdom here.**

**\*The Hymn of Praise #571**

***Go, Make of All Disciples***

**\*The Apostles' Creed #881**

Liturgist

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*The Gloria Patri #71**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Amen.

The Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)  
(pew Bible, NT p. 3)

Liturgist

The Children's Moment

Kelsey Keenan

**The Confession, Pardon, and Peace #890**

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory (8:30)

*Adagio*

unknown

(11:00)

*This Is My Beloved Son*  
Chancel Choir

Watkins/Gilliland

Jesus entered Jordan's waters when His work had just begun.  
God the Father spoke from heaven: "This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!"  
All gazing into heaven Saw their white robed Savior come.  
And they heard the Father witness: "This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!"  
There appeared two glorious beings Shining brighter than the sun.  
God again presented Jesus: "This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!"  
As I read the scriptures daily Words of Christ, the Holy One.  
In my heart I'll hear God tell me: "This is My Beloved Son.  
Hear Him! Hear Him!"

**\*The Doxology #95**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*The Blessing of the Offering

The Sermon

"and so, we begin...again"

Pastor Benny Oakes

**\*The Hymn of Response #252**

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

The Prayers of the Church and **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*The Hymn of Sending (insert)**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry*

\*The Benediction

Pastor Benny Oakes

The Postlude

*Spanish Trumpet Joy*

de Peraza/Harris