

# GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SUNDAY

DEC. 6, 2009

The organ prelude marks the beginning of the worship service. It calls us to quiet ourselves and to direct our hearts and minds toward Him.

Prelude	“Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come” arr. by Raymond H. Haan	
Introit	“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”	20
Lighting of Advent Candle		Katie Pointer Jordyn Pointer
Invocation		
Gloria Patri		Insert
Announcements		
Advent Reading		Matt. 1:18-25
Hymn	“Angels from the Realms”	99
Hymn	“How Great Our Joy”	144
Hymn	“First Noel”	91
Praise and Prayer		John Bottomley
Musical	“Don’t Be Not Afraid”	Kids’ Club
In His Word	“Preparing”	
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	“Freely, Freely”	Insert

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*“And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel . . .  
saying prepare your hearts unto the LORD,”  
I Samuel 7:3*

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Pastor	David M. Pointer
Organist	JoAnn Pointer

## Awake! Glad Heart?

Awake! glad heart! get up and sing!  
It is the birthday of thy King.

Awake! awake!

The sun doth shake

Light from his locks, and, all the way  
Breathing perfumes, doth spice the day.

Awake! awake! how th’ wood rings,  
Winds whisper, and the busy springs

A concert make!

Awake! awake!

Man is their high-priest, and should rise  
To offer up the sacrifice.

I would I were some bird, or star,  
Fluttering in woods, or lifted far

Above this inn,

And roar of sin!

Then either star or bird should be  
Shining or singing still to thee.

*Henry Vaughan*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.....**

12/06	Sun.	10:00 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments
		11:30 AM	Second Sunday of Advent Service
11/25	Wed.	7:00 PM	Mid Week Service Prayer, Praise, and Bible Study Adult Study: II Thessalonians Kid's Club: "Jesus' Name" Youth: "God's Love"
12/23	Wed.	7:00 PM	Christmas Candlelight Service Christmas Fellowship following Bring your favorite Christmas cookies
12/26	Sat.	10:00 AM	De-greening of the Church

**Bibles for Russia Christmas Ministry for Children. \$10.00 per child**

**Collecting for a GAL child's transition. \$20.00 from each family.**

On the table at the entrance to the sanctuary you will find visitor cards, prayer cards, the attendance register, and the offering box. If you have never completed a visitor card, please complete one and place it in the offering box. If you have completed a visitor card on a previous visit, please register your attendance today by signing the attendance register.

**Please, please, examine the prayer list and tell Pastor of any changes that need to be made.**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**11/29 Cindy Lundy**  
 12/19 Ian Pointer  
 12/25 Olivia Thomas  
 12/27 Sylvia Beall

**ANNIVERSARIES**

12/23 Mike & Evelyn Prado

**IN HIS SERVICE.....IN HIS HOUSE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Refresh.</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
12/06	Jordyn	French	R. Blackman
12/13	Katie	Miller	J, Bottomley
12/20	Ian	Pointer R.	R. Lowry

**A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE**

**STUFF**

I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.

**DOUBLE TALK**

SUDAFED:

A litigation brought against a government official.

**A DC AIRPORT AGENT SHOWS WHY OUR COUNTRY IS IN TROUBLE!**

A senior Vermont Congressman (Bernie Sanders) called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando . He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state.

**SUCCESS:**

At age 4 success is . . . . Not piddling in your pants.  
 At age 12 success is ... . Having friends.  
 At age 17 success is .. Having a driver's license.  
 At age 35 success is . . . .having money.  
 At age 50 success is . . . Having money..  
 At age 70 success is . . . . Having a drivers license.  
 At age 75 success is . . . . Having friends.  
 At age 80 success is . . . Not piddling in your pants.

**GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD**

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician

**PROVERBS FOR LIVING**

“All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes;  
but the LORD weigheth the spirits.”

Proverbs 16:2

## What Means This Glory Round Our Feet?

“What means this glory round our feet,”  
The Magi mused, “more bright than morn?”  
And voices chanted clear and sweet,  
“Today the Prince of Peace is born.”

What means that star,” the shepherds said,  
“That brightens through the rocky glen?”  
And angels, answering overhead,  
Sang, “Peace on earth, good will to men.”

All round about our feet shall shine  
A light like that the wise men saw,  
If we our loving wills incline  
To that sweet life which is the law.

So shall we learn to understand  
The simple faith of shepherds then,  
And clasping kindly hand in hand,  
Sing, “Peace on earth, good will to men.”

And they who to their childhood cling,  
And keep at eve the faith of morn,  
Shall daily hear the angels sing,  
“Today the Prince of Peace is born.”

*James Russell Lowell*