

**DECEMBER 3 – 9**

Sunday – December 3

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.

Acolyte Practice after church

Kids Christmas Practice 2:00 p.m.

Monday – December 4

Fellowship Committee 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday – December 6

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Kids Connection 5:15 p.m.

Thursday – December 7

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Saturday – December 9

Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Women of Faith 9:00 a.m.



**DECEMBER 10 – 16**

Sunday – December 10

Prayer Time 8:30 a.m.

Kids Christmas Practice 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday – December 12

Worship Committee 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday – December 13

Coffee Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Kids Connection 5:15 p.m.

Thursday – December 14

Praise Team 5:00 p.m.

Prayer Time 6:10 p.m.

Trustee Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Saturday – December 16

Kids Christmas Practice

*A thrill of  
hope,  
the weary  
world rejoices*

On this first Sunday of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Jesus' arrival as a gift to all humanity; let's stir up in our hearts and homes a sense of anticipation. Over this Advent, we pray that **hope** would rise up in our spirits in a tangible and life-giving way.

Let us pray ---"Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year. May we pause to remember that we have **hope** in you. You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully. We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again. More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen."

**ATTENDANCE**

November 26

59

**STEWARDSHIP**

November 26

Pledges	\$1,968.00
Plate	\$20.00
Bashor	\$25.00
Misc.	\$75.00
Social Concerns	\$334.85
Building/Maint.	\$80.00
Total General Fund	\$2,502.85
Needed Weekly	\$2,138.07
Kids Connection	\$29.00
Youth	\$100.00

**The Joy Of Giving**  
By John Greenleaf Whittier

Somehow, not only for Christmas,  
But all the long year through,  
The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you;  
And the more you spend in blessing  
The poor and lonely and sad,  
The more of your heart's possessing  
Returns to make you glad.



Christmas  
BRINGS  
HOPE



THIS IS THE TESTIMONY: GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE,  
AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. 1 JOHN 5:11 (NIV®)

*Welcome to  
Waterloo First Grace Church  
Pastor Sam Weicht  
260-837-6441*

**WELCOME**

**PRAISES & CONCERNS**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (greeting one another)

**SONGS BY PRAISE TEAM**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**HYMN** Angels From the Realm of Glory pg. 220 (1 & 2)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** In Advent we celebrate Gods' gift of a new beginning.

**P:** We praise you, O God of new beginnings, for turning despair into hope.

**L:** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**P:** We praise you, O God, for bringing the cosmos out of chaos.

**L:** In the beginning the Word was with God, chasing the darkness into day.

**P:** We praise you, O God, for bringing light out of the night.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Larry & Ginger Wilks

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

**HYMN** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear pg. 218 (3 & 4)

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 9:6

**MESSAGE** Hope Pastor Sam

**COMMUNION**

**HYMN** Good Christian Friends Rejoice pg. 224

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONGS** His Name Is Wonderful  
Good, Good Father



*"Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ's coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen"*

**PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

- John/ Mother passed away
- Janell Grear's Mother
- Israel Peace Talks
- Elaina Weicht
- Unspoken
- Leah Fulmer
- Katie/Jann's daughter in-law
- Cheryl Davis
- Dennis Lockwood/surgery
- Cory Werner/healing
- Melinda Sexton/surgery
- Jim Jullett/hospitalized
- Scott/bone cancer
- Andrea Hart-Carper/Infection
- Eric's Friends's Mom/cancer
- Coleen Kreager/cancer
- Dennis' Uncle Dave/cancer
- Johnny/Kimi's neighbor
- Robin Clifford
- Duke Williams
- Aiden Lingo
- Alice/colon cancer