

Sunday, December 3

Benevolent Offering will be received

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open all morning (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ LEC
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Gingerbread House Decorating Party – Fellowship Hall

Today, the Sunday School Pre-K through 5th Grade focused on:
The Ministry of John the Baptist (*John 1:29*)

Monday, December 4

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Crew
- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Inductive Bible Study: Revelation – Room 131
- 6:45 p.m. Women’s Bible Study: Finding I Am – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 5

- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group – The Bridge
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting – Conference Room, Library

Wednesday, December 6

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. AWANA
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – The Loft
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 7

- 9:30 a.m. Mom’s Morning Out – Room 132/133
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, December 8

- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Christmas Gala – Gym

Saturday, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group – Library
- 9:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Program Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 10

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open all morning (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ LEC
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Cookies, Carols & Candles with Children’s Program – Sanctuary

“The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.” Isaiah 9:2



8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choir Anthem Emmanuel, Expected Jesus

Advent Reading *The Schoolmeester Family*

Hymns Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (#168)
Angels We Have Heard On High (#192)

Prayer

Offertory *The Men’s Quartet*
Calypso Lullaby

Message Rahab and Salmon

Communion

Benediction

11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Advent Reading *The Comfort Family*

Songs of Worship O Come All Ye Faithful
Lord, I Need You
How Great Is Our God

Announcements

Offertory *The Men’s Quartet*
Calypso Lullaby

Message Rahab and Salmon

Communion

Benediction

All Church Gingerbread House Party Today

Today | 12:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Marie Reynolds | Marie.Reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com

You are invited to a Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Join us for lunch (free-will offering) and a wonderful community time of building gingerbread houses.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, December 6 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Take a break from making supper and come to GracePoint for supper and fellowship this Wednesday night. A meatball dinner with salad and dessert is on the menu. The suggested donation is \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids. Reservations not needed. Please note: January's WNS will be Jan. 10.

Women's Christmas Gala Tickets Going Fast!

Friday, December 8 | Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:50 p.m. | Gym

Come and enjoy a special night with the GracePoint Women and their guests. We will share dinner followed by a special night of music with **Sweetwater Revival**, affectionately known in Southern Gospel circles as "The Female Quartet of Southern Gospel Music". This is a great opportunity to make this an outreach opportunity! Ticket sales (\$12/person; \$90/table of 8) available at the Event Center. Please note that any tickets not sold through the church will be made available to the public after today's services.

Cookies, Carols & Candles with Children's Program

Sunday, December 10 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary and Gym

Cookies, Carols & Candles is a wonderful all-church event at GracePoint. Each year it is a bit different. This year's focus is our Children's Christmas Program followed by fellowship, yummy desserts, and Christmas caroling! Help is needed for set up, serving and clean-up. Donations of store-bought or homemade cookies are requested to be dropped off Sunday morning, December 10. Please contact Rachel Mellick (hospitalitydeacon@exploregracepoint.com) if you're able to help and to let her know how many cookies you will provide.

Bell Ringers Needed!

John Holmberg | 651.633.0407

GracePoint will be "ringing the bells" for Salvation Army for the 10th year. The location remains the same, main entrance at Cub Foods in New Brighton, just across the street. Dates are December 14, 15, & 16. We invite you to sign up at the Event Center. You may choose 1 or 2 hour slots. Talk to John Holmberg if you have questions. Instructions will be forthcoming. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Christmas Eve Childcare Volunteers Needed

Marie Reynolds | Marie.Reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com

Volunteers are needed to spend time with children during the Christmas Eve services at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Please contact Marie if you're able to bless families this way.

Christmas Eve Opportunity for Children

Kristel Peters | Kristel.Peters@ExploreGracePoint.com

There is an opportunity for children 1st – 5th grade to sing with the adult choir during our Christmas Eve services for this season. A sign up sheet and a CD will be available starting December 3rd at the Event Center. Rehearsals will be Sunday, Dec. 17 at 12:10 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:00 p.m. and will need to arrive at church on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Thank You From Hilda Johnson

"THANK you to the GracePoint family for so many prayers and expressions of care during hospitalization for severe back pain and the following days of ongoing pain management and physical therapy."

Office Assistant Transition

We are very excited to announce the official hire of Jeanne Johnson as our new Office Assistant. She will begin her new role on Monday, December 4th. Please keep her in your prayers as she takes on this important role.

Sticky Faith: Building Lasting Faith in Our Kids

Marie Reynolds | Marie.Reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com

GracePoint Children's Ministries desires that each child who walks through our doors develops a faith that sticks. One way to enrich the development of strong spiritual growth is for our children to have people praying for them. Our goal is for each child at GracePoint to have at least three individuals praying for them. If you wish to be a part of this vital ministry and help establish a "sticky faith" in the lives of our children, please stop by the Event Center or contact Marie Reynolds.

Free 8X10 Photos Have Arrived!

If you had your photo taken for the directory and did not place a special order, stop by the Event Center on Sundays or the office during the week to pick up your free photo.

Welcome to GracePoint!

Please use a *Connection Card* (in the pew racks) to request prayer, share comments or, if you are a visitor, provide contact info.

Free Wi-Fi for GP Guest (password case sensitive): GracePoint

Go to your app store and download the **ExploreGracePoint App** to access sermon videos and audio files, event info, prayer requests, bulletins, and more.

Upcoming Events

December 3, 12:00 p.m.	All-Church Gingerbread House Decorating Party
December 6, 5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Supper
December 8, 6:30 p.m.	Women's Gala
December 10, 6:00 p.m.	Cookies, Carols & Candles <i>Featuring Children's Program</i>
December 24, 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service (no Sunday School or childcare)
December 24, 3:00 & 4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Services
December 31, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (no Sunday School or childcare)

GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK Jim and Lynn Jarman

Jim and Lynn Jarman are Converge National Directors for Sweden, and City Team Leaders in Stockholm for a strategic alliance between Converge Worldwide and EFCA/ReachGlobal. Their mission is to help the Swedish church facilitate



movements in prayer, evangelism, discipleship, leader development, and church multiplication. As part of this goal, Jim and Lynn will oversee the church planting vision of New Life Church Stockholm to plant 20 churches in Stockholm County, and facilitate 10 more in Sweden's university cities. Sweden is now considered the most atheistic nation in the world, while Stockholm is Europe's fastest growing city. In the midst of this spiritual darkness, many sense an awakening on the horizon, and the Jarmans long to see Sweden won back to Christ. They write: "Our role is to develop a culture of encouragement in a very discouraging spiritual climate. We do this by strengthening existing churches and pastors, planting new churches, coaching site pastors and leaders, and strategically coming alongside movement leaders in Sweden and Europe. It gives us great joy to develop, empower, and release the next generation of leaders that will win Sweden back to Christ." The Jarmans are indeed joyous people! Connect with them on Facebook or read their latest update in the Missions binder to see the exciting things that are happening through their ministry and New Life Church. Pray for wisdom for them as they lead this visionary movement.

Please check the binder in the church library for more detailed information about all the global partners GracePoint supports prayerfully and financially.