

Sunday, November 25

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open during worship services (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary

Today, the Sunday School Pre-K thru 5th Grade focused on:

The Book of James

(James 1:2-8, 19-27; 2:14-26; 3:1-18)

Those who believe in God should obey God's commands.

Monday, November 26

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Work Crew
- 8:30 a.m. Operation Christmas Child Trip to OCC Processing Center
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – CR 206
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting – CR 206

Tuesday, November 27

- 6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group – Bridge
- 6:45 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting – Room 131

Wednesday, November 28

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – Loft
- 6:30 p.m. AWANA
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Hardcore Bible Study – Bridge
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 29

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out – Room 132/133
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Gala Work Date – Gym Alcove

Saturday, December 1

- 9:00 a.m. Open Prayer-All Welcome – CR 206
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Gala Work Date – Gym Alcove
- 10:00 a.m. Baking Cookies for Cookies, Carols & Candles – Upper Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Timberwolves Game – Leaving Church

Sunday, December 2

- Benevolent Offering Received
- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open during worship services (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. All-Church Gingerbread House Decorating Party – Gym
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Connect (Congregational Prayer) – Café
- 3:00 p.m. Baking Cookies for Cookies, Carols & Candles – Upper Kitchen

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15



8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn For the Beauty of the Earth (#1)

Choir We Gather Together (#397)

Responsive Reading His Love Is Everlasting (#388)

Scripture 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

Hymns How Firm a Foundation (#32)

Count Your Blessings

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Message Restoring Foundations

Benediction

11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Songs of Worship God is Able

God So Loved

Lord I Need You

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offertory One Day (When We All Get To Heaven)

Message Restoring Foundations

Benediction

Cookies, Carols and Candles Cookie Baking

Various Days/Times | 1:00-6:00 p.m. | Upper Kitchen
Rachel Mellick | hospitalitydeacon@ExploreGracePoint.com | 763.331.1236
Come bake cookies for Cookies, Carols, Candles! We are baking cookies from around the world for the event this year! Come for an hour, or stay for a whole day. Recipes and ingredients will be provided.

Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, December 2 from 3 p.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday, December 8 from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sunday, December 9 from 1 p.m.-6 p.m.

Please contact Rachel if you are able to come for part or all of a time slot.

Jr. and Sr. High Timberwolves vs. Celtics Event

Saturday, December 1 | 6:00-10:00 p.m. | \$30
Stephen Smart | Stephen.Smart@ExploreGracePoint.com | 651.373.2301
Nathan Miller | Nathan.Miller@ExploreGracePoint.com | 612.239.2936
Join us as we cheer on Karl-Anthony Towns, Andrew Wiggins, and the rest of our Wolves as they take on the Celtics! Grab one of the limited tickets for the December 1st game by going to the app. We will depart the GracePoint east parking lot at 6 p.m. and return around 10 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 and will include a group photo on the half court logo after the game. A link to sign up is available in the app (under the Events tab). This is a Jr. and Sr. High combined event. (Note: if there are no tickets left when you go to register, please let me know, as we may be able to purchase additional)

All-Church Gingerbread House Decorating Party

Sunday, December 2 | 12:00 p.m. | Gym
Marie Reynolds | Marie.Reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com
You are invited to a Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Join us for lunch and a wonderful community time of building gingerbread houses. We will provide the graham crackers. Please bring a tub of frosting and a small bag of candy to share for decorating. RSVP'ing is helpful but not required. Please sign up at the Event Center, webpage or the app.

Prayer Connect – Praying Through the Carols

Sunday, December 2 | 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Café
Dan Ossmann | Moderator@ExploreGracePoint.com | 763.227.0926

The Prayer Team would like to invite you to come pray with us as we “Pray Through the Carols.” The Christmas Carols are a beautiful testament to our Lord. Come pray and sing with us as we read scripture and prepare for the coming season.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers

John Holmberg | 651.633.0407

On Sunday, December 2, Salvation Army will send a representative who will be speaking in the Achiever’s Sunday School Class. Anyone is welcome. The representative will be sharing information about their work and donations through bell ringing. GracePoint will again be ringing bells at Cub Foods, just across the street, on December 13, 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Anyone who is interested may sign up for slots of 1 hour or 2 hours, beginning on December 2. Call either the church or John Holmberg if you have questions. This service returns many blessings.

Wednesday Night Suppers

December 5 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Karen Lindgren | 651.481.8337 |

Wednesday Night Suppers are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next meal will be December 5. Dinner will be a “Pasta Bar.” Suggested donations: \$1/child, \$2/adults. You can pay at the door.

Women’s Christmas Gala Tickets – Going Fast!

Friday, December 7 | 6:30 p.m. seating & punch; 6:50 p.m. dinner & program
Gym | Tickets \$13 /person | 651.633.7515

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 “A Christmas Shalom”, featuring Jeremiah and Vanessa Gamble. This is a great outreach opportunity! Ticket sales (\$13) available at Event Center.

Cookies, Carols & Candles with Children’s Program

Sunday, December 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary and Gym
The children are excited to present, “Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Night.” Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a festive Christmas Musical. Following the program, please join us for the wonderful all-church event, Cookies, Carols & Candles. This will be a night of cute kids, fellowship, yummy desserts and Christmas caroling! Don’t miss it!

Christmas Eve Childcare Volunteers Needed

Marie Reynolds | Marie.Reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com | 651-633-7515
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.

Connect in a GraceGroup

Various Days/Times | Various Locations
Pastor Steve | Steve.Young@ExploreGracePoint.com | 651.478.7644
The new name for GracePoint’s small groups is GraceGroup. These are groups of 8-12 people that meet every-other week in homes or at the church. This is one of the best ways to build supportive relationships with others at GracePoint. Groups worship, study the Word and serve together. There are openings in some existing groups and some new groups are beginning. Sign up at the Event Center or contact Pastor Steve if you would like more information.

Save the Dates!

- December 2, 12 p.m. Gingerbread House Decorating Party
- December 7, 6:30 p.m. Women’s Gala
- December 9, 6 p.m. Children’s Christmas Program
- December 9, 6:30 p.m. Cookies, Carols & Candles
- December 24, 3:00 & 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Services

Welcome to GracePoint!

Tours of the church building are available following each service. Meet your friendly tour guide on the south side of the lobby right outside the Sanctuary.

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.

Text to Give: 84321 (follow the prompts)

GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK

Jeff and Barb Chapman

The Chapmans are missionaries in Japan with Converge Worldwide. Jeff and Barb have been developing outreach ministries with Keihanna Christ Church to reach the local community. They also provide leadership in wider church planting and evangelization efforts in Japan, including vision festa, a Japanese-led initiative to plant 50,000 churches in the next decade! They have leadership roles on the Converge Japan field as well. Please pray that Jeff and Barb be continually refreshed by God’s Word and relate it in a relevant way to the Japanese people, the second largest unreached people group in the world. Also pray for their adult children - Caleb, Anna, Rachael and Chris - to grow in their walk with the Lord. Last year Jeff shared exciting news of a conversion of "Mrs. F." in an English class he teaches. The text for that evening spoke of receiving salvation. She asked, "Is it ok for someone like me, who has never read the whole Bible, to be a Christian?" She soon began a baptism class, and was baptized last Dec. Now she is sharing the good news of Jesus with her husband and adult daughter, and faithfully attending worship and Bible study. Jeff reported encouraging growth in their kids club program. Jeff also shared that there is a strong need for missionary church planters.

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

