

**December 20, 2020**

**THE DECEMBER ETERNAL CANDLE** is given by the Peeks in celebration  
Of Steven's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday



**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS AND TODAY'S BULLETIN COVERS**

are given by Peggy Inabinette in celebration of Steven Peek's Birthday

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

♥ **The Grace Youth Christmas Program is TODAY** in Grace Hall at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to attend. A reception will follow afterward.

♥ Our **Christmas Eve. services** this year will be on Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00, 5:00 and 7:00 PM. The 3:00 service will accommodate those who have health concerns. Wearing a mask will be mandatory. All services will encourage social distancing and overflow will be available in the Narthex.

♥ Our **Christmas Day service** will be on Friday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. We will return to regularly scheduled services on Sunday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM.

✋ Our **Narthex Christmas tree** has been decorated with wishes from the various boards at Grace. In these days of tight budgets, you can help out by purchasing a few of these needed items and leaving them under the tree. Thank you!

✋ Your 2021 **contribution envelopes** are in your mailboxes. Please pick them up but do not use them until January 1, 2021. Contact Ed Marquardt at 712-204-0280 with any questions.

✋ **Help needed** to host coffee time in Grace Hall on Sunday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Nancy Clowney if you are able to help.

✋ There are no collections being taken for staff gifts for Christmas. If you would like to give a Christmas gift to any staff member, please do so individually and personally and not via the offering plate or through the church office. Thank you!

## SERVING SCHEDULE

### December 20

**Tabulators:** Ed Marquardt  
Peggy Inabinette, Sam Swenson

**Acolyte:** 8:00: Lauren Willsea  
11:00: Daniel Schmedeke

**Elder**– Fri.: John K. (L), Sam S.  
8:00: Charlie M. (L), Dave M.  
9:30: Sammy P. (L), John K.  
11:00: Mike R. (L), John K.

**Altar Guild**— Fri.: Maria Parrish  
Sun. – Nancy Clowney, Nancy Blekicki

## ATTENDANCE: Dec. 11 & 13 - 139

### December 27

**Tabulators:** Ed Marquardt  
Ron & Margaret Salow

**Acolyte:** 8:00: Nora Robinson  
11:00: William Miller

**Elder**– Fri.: Dave M. (L), John K.  
8:00: Dave M. (L), Charlie M.  
9:30: Sammy P. (L), John K.  
11:00: George J. (L), Sammy P.

**Altar Guild**— Fri.: Carol Skinner  
Sunday –Carol Skinner

**OCTOBER INCOME REPORT:** Receipts: \$21,591 Expenses: \$28,636

## CALENDAR

Sun. Dec. 20 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM Service of The Word

9:30 AM Youth Christmas Program and Reception in GH

Mon. Dec. 21 7:00 PM Book Club at the Willsea Home

Tue. Dec. 22 9:30 AM Craft Group in GH

7:00 PM AA Meeting in GH

Thu. Dec. 24 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 PM Christmas Eve. Services

Fri. Dec. 25 10:00 AM Christmas Day Service

Sun. Dec. 27 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM Service of The Word

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Sun. Dec. 20 Is. 40:18-41:10, Rev. 8:1-13

Mon. Dec. 21 Is. 42:1-25, Rev. 9:1-12

Tue. Dec. 22 Is. 43:1-24, Rev. 9:13-10:11

Wed. Dec. 23 Is. 43:25-44:20, Rev. 11:1-19

Thu. Dec. 24 Is. 44:21-45:13, 20-25, (*Dan. 10:1-12:13, Is. 48:1-22*), Rev. 12:1-17

Fri. Dec. 25 Is. 49:1-18, Matt. 1:1-17

Sat. Dec. 26 Is. 49:22-26; 50:4-51:8, 12-16, Matt. 1:18-25

Sun. Dec. 27 Is. 51:17-52:12, Matt. 2:1-12

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you would like to place someone on the prayer chain or have a prayer request, you may contact the church office or Deaconess Karen at [deaconess@gracesummerville.org](mailto:deaconess@gracesummerville.org)

Please be in prayer for members of our congregation receiving cancer treatment. Members include David McElfresh, Donna White, Fred White, Terri Sheldon and Peggy Polomski

12/20: Donna Bolen has asked for prayers for her brother, Paul Neff, who is in the hospital with COVID.

12/20: Please pray for Kathy Hein's daughter, who is going through a tough time and could use prayers for comfort and support.

12/20: Congratulations Marquardt family on the birth of a healthy baby girl, Maisie Rene born to Elle and Josiah Beck on Thursday, December 10th.

12/20: Lois Holmquist has asked for prayers for the following: For the congregation of Lamb of God in Flint, MI. Half of their population is down with COVID and several members have lost their lives to the disease. Pray for peace, healing, and comfort for these brothers and sisters in Christ.

For Lois' niece, Laura Miller, who is an RN on a coronavirus unit and has contracted COVID-19. Pray for physical healing for Laura and comfort and peace for her as she deals with the physical and emotional difficulties of her job.

12/13: UPDATE on Friend of the Swensons, Jose Ayala, who suffered serious electrical burns at work. He will soon be having more surgery for his burns. Please pray for healing and peace for his family, especially his wife and caregiver, Tracy, who recently had gall bladder surgery.

12/13: UPDATE on Friend of the Swensons, Edward Heusenger. Edward is now home but will be returning to the hospital for a second heart ablation surgery.

12/6: Please be in prayer for the family of Elbert Parrish and especially his wife, Maria. Elbert passed away on Wed. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> after a long illness.

12/6: UPDATE on Rev. Rob Hinz. Rev. Rob has been moved from ICU to a step down and his oxygen concentration has been lowered to 60% and his Dr. will try to drop it to 45%. He's still in a guarded situation. Please continue to pray.

11/22: Chris & Steve Robertson have asked for prayers for their friend, Carrie Conyers, who is in constant pain. Please pray for relief from pain for Carrie.

11/22: UPDATE - Terry, Lewis Tomlin's brother, had successful bypass surgery and is now home recovering.

11/22: UPDATE - Scott Wicke, friends of the Salows. passed away on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from Jacobs Disease, a degenerative brain disorder. Please pray for Scott's friends and his family during this difficult time.

11/15: Please continue to pray for Lynn Ruff's coworker who recently received a heart transplant. After some bumps in the road, he has been released from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. He is now staying in an apartment in FL near the Mayo Clinic until he is cleared to come back home to SC. Please pray for continued healing.

10/25: Nancy Clowney has asked for prayers for her nephew, Thor, who has been found to have terminal masses on his brain.

10/18: UPDATE Fred White is still recovering at home after ankle surgery. Please pray for continued healing.

10/11: Please pray for Barbara Bruner's son-in-law, Rev. Bryce Bereuter who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer.