

Who Are We?

John 1:17 proclaims that *“grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”* Because of this, in reliance upon the Holy Spirit, we commit our lives to

Grace

- in the joyful worship of our Savior who redeems us
- in authentic, patient living because our salvation is not of us
- in grace-motivated gratitude and obedience of our Lord
- in eager sharing of the gospel by genuine love of others

& Truth

- in focusing on expository proclamation of the gospel of truth
- in desire for growth in the true knowledge of Christ
- in living out truth by being authentic in our interactions
- in personal humility without compromising biblical reality

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December 9, 2018

Service Times: 8:45 AM & 10:30 AM



Advent: Peace

Matthew 13:24–43

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

December 9, 2018

Call to Worship

...In Song

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing
O Holy Night
Yes And Amen*

Children Dismissed

(2 Years – 5th Grade)

...In Prayer & Offering

Isaiah 9:2–7

...In Song

*Build My Life
Adore*

...In Proclamation

*Advent: Peace
Matthew 13:24–43*

...In Fellowship

Coffee & refreshments available in lobby



Lights, trees, candles, presents. Christmas is a season of good cheer, of hope and peace and joy and love. For us, it goes way deeper than lights and trees and candles and presents. This season even goes beyond family and friends. We are celebrating the advent of Jesus Christ.

Advent means drawing near. And our Savior has drawn near to us. We who end in death, who experience decline and decay, who are face to face with our broken efforts, we have **peace** because the Word of God has come, not in trumpets and finery, but in the humble baby born to save us all. We worship Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Songs of worship; quiet expectation; a thoughtful celebration of the most wondrous event our world has ever known: Immanuel, God with us, born as a babe in a manger in Bethlehem. We gather for a time of worship and (yes, electric) candlelight as we celebrate Christmas Eve. Join us Monday night, December 24th here at **Grace**.

Youth Christmas Party: December 12th – HS & MS Youth (6:30 PM) Mug exchange, games, and hot cocoa bar. Come join us—this is our last gathering before Christmas!

Women's Ministry: Ladies, you are invited to enjoy fellowship and tea at homes across the county at our Christmas Tea, **Saturday, December 15th, 2:00 PM**. We do need you to sign up today so that we can let you know which home to go to! Questions? Contact: Judy Hazel (judy@everafterfloral.net) or Robyn Kindlund (rkk6465@gmail.com).

End of Year Giving: 2018 is almost over! For tax purposes, please ensure that end-of-year giving is either postmarked or put in the church's giving box before Monday, December 31, 2018. You can also utilize our online portal at www.gracebellingham.org/giving. Talk to Nathan Barbo if you have any questions (nathan@gracebellingham.org).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, 6:30 PM	TGP: Middle School Youth Group
Tuesday, 9:45 AM	MomSpot
Tuesday, 12:00 PM	Brown Bag Encouragement: Galatians
Tuesday, 8:00 PM	After Hours: Young Adults, at Flatiron Woods
Wednesday, 6:30 PM	ALL YOUTH: Christmas Party, at Grace
Thursday, 10:00 AM	Women's Prayer
Saturday, 2:00 PM	Women to Women: Christmas Tea Event



Taking Photos TODAY! Pictures for the upcoming directory — You can get your photo taken here at Grace. Look for us in the back hallway, or ask an usher where to go. If you already have a photo, please email it to: Michelle Moena (michelle@gracebellingham.org, or text it 360.303.1593).

INFORMATION

Gluten Free Communion: available in the back during times we take communion.

Listening assist devices available at the sound booth.

Connecting via Wi-Fi: join GraceChurch_2.4. The password is *gracetruth*.

Livestream: Join us 9:00 AM Sundays on Facebook.

Need Prayer?: Email our prayer team at: prayer@gracebellingham.org