



## Christmas Thank You

We once again had an amazingly wonderful Christmas Eve Celebration! What a blessing to have so many people gather together at Gloria Dei to worship “The New Born King”! The Sanctuary and the FLC were full to the brim with faithful followers of Jesus, and those yet to be, holding candles and singing our most favorite hymns!

We need to remember, none of this could happen without our wonderful staff and volunteers. We so appreciate TK and the youth who put together the candles as well as Jenn Fuller and the Children’s Ministry Department who gave us such a wonderful family friendly service. Huge thanks goes out to the hospitality and worship assistants for making people feel welcome and seeing to their needs in worship. We were richly blessed by all our musicians and song leaders, some of whom worked five out of the eight services. And of course, we also want to thank all those who volunteered ahead of time to decorate and make our property look so beautiful!

May the love of “The Little Lord Jesus” bless and keep you into the New Year! Pastor Joe



## Sermon Series: “One Voice”

**Starts Saturday, Jan. 4 & Sunday, Jan. 5**

Our Epiphany Series—“One Voice”—begins the first weekend in January. Throughout scripture there are many images that are used to describe the unity of God’s people. Scripture says we are Jesus’ body on earth (1 Cor 12:27), we are the bride of Christ (Ephesians 5), we are together a Holy Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 2:5) and many other images that teach and remind us that we are One People with One Voice as God’s People. In this series we will look at different elements of our worship services that are intended to unite us as believers in One Voice as we give worship to our God and receive His gifts as His people!

Jan. 4-5: “One In Prayer”                      Feb. 1-2: “One In Song”  
Jan. 11-12: “One In Faith”                      Feb. 8-9: “One In the Word”  
Jan. 18-19: “One In Confession”                      Feb. 15-16: “One In Jesus”  
Jan. 25-26: “One In God’s Blessings”                      Feb. 22-23: “One In Glory”



## 2019 Contribution Deadline

Tuesday, December 31 will be the last offering taken for 2019 income tax purposes. All items mailed must be postmarked by December 31 to receive credit for 2019. All items received or postmarked after December 31 will be credited to 2020 even if the date is written for 2019. Thank you for your support.



## 2020 Offering Envelopes Available

The 2020 offering envelopes can be picked up in the Gathering Area. Each family has a new offering envelope number, so please destroy all old envelopes. If you do not find a box with your name on it, contact Alena in the office or by e-mail at [alena.naberhaus@gdlc.church](mailto:alena.naberhaus@gdlc.church).

### Message: “New Year-New Life”

**Scriptures:** Romans 6:1-11; John 10:1-10

As a result of what you have received from God’s Word today, what do you think He is giving you to believe or do this week?

### Additional Notes:

## Baptized Unto Jesus

**Parker Timothy O’Halloran** born September, 4, 2019, to James and Sarah (Queck) O’Halloran was baptized on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. Parker’s spiritual sponsors are Matthew Queck and Lindsey O’Halloran.

**Jamison Joseph Willcox** born July 26, 2019 to Alexander and Valerie (Ferguson) Willcox will be baptized on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019. Jamison’s spiritual sponsors are Susan Ferguson, Samatha Pedraza and Brian Ferguson.

## Let’s pray!

**Prayer Wall:** Post your prayer requests (anonymously, if you choose) to a pastor or the online community. (Go to: [www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/](http://www.gdlc.church/prayer-wall/))

**Connection Cards:** Prayer requests can be made on the back of the “Welcome” card located in the pews.

**Phone Calls:** Contact Pastor Phillips at 276-1700 or Diane Young between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 321-1566 with your request.

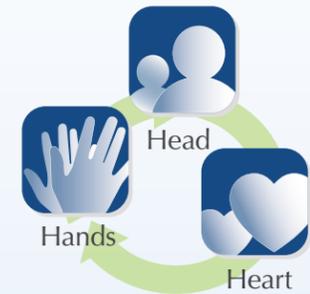
Shirley Voshell	Taylor Peterson	Lou Schroedel	For those who are
Larry Lewis	Bob Sams	Ginny Swift	traveling
Paula Spark	Greta Cling	Anna Shoup	
Jessica Kramer	Sandra Jackson		

Due to the Christmas schedule, the budget offerings will be in next week’s GDLC Connections.

# GDLC CONNECTIONS

For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Romans 6:7-8

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## Visiting Today?

**Welcome to worship!** We are glad you’re here. If you have any questions, please stop by the Connection Center or contact Pastor Ben Johnson at 777-3900 or [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church).

**Infants-4 years old:** Our fully-staffed nursery is located through the doors at the southwest corner outside the Sanctuary.

**PreK-Grade** Join us this week as we welcome children ages 3 through grade 5 on Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. and Sundays at 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

## “New Year—New Life”

As we stand on the edge of a New Year, we are reminded that in Christ and through Christ we have been given a New Life. We don’t earn it. We don’t make it happen. We don’t give up something to get something from Him. You see, this year, like all the others before it, we will once again make promises to ourselves to be better. We will make promises to live better, eat better, exercise better, etc. But as Christians, we’re reminded that in Christ we’ve been made more than “better,” we’ve been made “new” and that’s His promise to us...and His promises are sure and certain and not subject to change! Thank you Jesus for a New Year but more importantly, thank You for a New Life...in You!



Leading Ordinary People to an Extraordinary Life in Christ.

CHURCH-WIDE  
**POTLUCK**  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 | 6 P.M.

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## CORE Teachings

Scripture says that “The Word of God is living and active” which means that as we read scripture that same scripture is also reading us. Scripture is at the core of who we are as a people of God and so it is vital that we are learning and growing in the Word together. This winter, there will be two Core teachings offered as shown below:

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study: “Revelation”

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 15 | 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Joe will be leading the second half of his study on the Revelation. Take time to grow in your discipleship in Jesus as you immerse yourself in that wonderful book known as the Bible!

If you have questions or just want to connect with Pastor Joe, please reach him at [joe.meyer@gdlc.church](mailto:joe.meyer@gdlc.church).

### Online Bible Study “Book of Daniel”

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 15 | anytime

Pastor Ben will be leading an online study that will be walking through the book of Daniel. In this Core Teachings class, you will be brought into many stories of incredible faith, promises of God being fulfilled, and visions of what was (and is) to come for this world.

If you have questions or just want to connect with Pastor Ben, please reach him at [ben.johnson@gdlc.church](mailto:ben.johnson@gdlc.church) or at 777-3900.



## Marriage Conference

Friday, Feb. 14 | 5:30-9:30 p.m. & Saturday, Feb. 15 | 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

You and your spouse are invited for a two-day experience, along with thousands of other couples around the world, that provides expert marriage advice and practical teachings to help couples navigate their marriage journey. As part of your \$30 registration fee, you’ll be treated to a lovely Valentine’s dinner and a delicious continental breakfast. Childcare is not available for this event. For more information, please register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH) or contact Janet Strachan at [j.strachan@mchsi.com](mailto:j.strachan@mchsi.com).

## Potluck Fellowship Opportunity!

Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 6:00 p.m.

We will gather in the Family Life Center to share both a warm meal and a time of fellowship. Gloria Dei is such a large congregation and these opportunities give us time to pause and get to know one another better!

If your last name starts with A-H, please bring some type of soup to share; I-P please bring chili or stew; and Q-Z please bring desserts. Breads, bowls and drinks will be provided. Pizza will be available for children. Please register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).

## Women’s Events

For more information on additional upcoming events, pick up a Winter booklet or contact DeAnn McCue at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church).



### “Finding God Faithful” Women’s Bible Study

Starts Monday, Jan. 6 | 9:30 a.m. | 6:30 p.m.

“Finding God Faithful” by Kelly Minter will focus on the life of Joseph. From the back cover it says it will remind us of God’s faithfulness through Joseph’s story. If you would like to order a study guide (approximately \$16), please let Lisa Scherer know at [scherer5127@gmail.com](mailto:scherer5127@gmail.com).



### Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study

Starts, Tuesday, Jan. 7 | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

This study is based on a book from the Bible, taking women into a deeper understanding of God’s Word. To register or for information, contact Jane Lamfers at [janelamfers@hotmail.com](mailto:janelamfers@hotmail.com).



### “When Grace Walks In” Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Feb. 19 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us in the Gathering Place for “When Grace Walks In” by Stacey Thacker. We know God’s grace is absolutely necessary for our lives—but what does grace look like shining in and through us? No registration is needed.



### Snowflakes & Lattes Women’s Events

Reclaimed Wood Clock | Thursday, Jan. 9 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Women are invited to create a beautiful reclaimed wood clock. We’ll hear what God says in His Word about new beginnings and then create together. Cost is \$15. Registration is required by Jan. 7. Childcare is available upon request.



### Dominican Republic Diaper Project Service Night

Thursday, Jan. 16 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to help us create cloth diapers to send with the mission team going to Dominican Republic. Please register online at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH). Contact DeAnn McCue with questions at [deann.mccue@gdlc.church](mailto:deann.mccue@gdlc.church).



### Mom & Me

Mom & Me is designed for Moms (and Grandmas) and kids ages 4 to 10 to come together for a time of fellowship, Bible study, and creativity. Cost for each family is \$10. Registration is a must.

Des Moines Silhouette | Sunday, Jan. 12 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

You are invited to create a piece of artwork that has the silhouette of Des Moines. This artwork will be a great reminder to pray for our city.

## Family Event!!!

Sunday, Jan. 5 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Families of all ages and stages are invited to join us as we celebrate all that God has done and will do as we enter 2020. This **free** event will include a time of worship, a bounce house, a light dinner, and lots of fellowship! If you collected food pantry items during Advent, bring those items. Each family is asked to bring non-perishable food items (one item per person attending).

Registration is a must at [WWW.GDLC.CHURCH](http://WWW.GDLC.CHURCH).

### Grace Place and Faith Alive

We are excited to continue our time with your children!

Grace Place Starts:

Saturday, Jan. 4 | 5:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5 | 9:15 a.m. | 10:45 a.m.

Faith Alive Starts:

Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



### ReCharge and Wednesday Meals

Starts Wednesday, Jan. 8 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

We will offer a light dinner (\$3 per person) at 5:30 p.m. At 6:10 p.m. we will begin our opening worship/praise time and then break into small groups for teens in grades 6-12.



### Financial Peace University

Tuesday, Jan. 14-March 10 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

This course will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, and much more. The cost per family is \$100, which includes membership for the entire family and materials. Childcare is provided. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).



### Loss of a Spouse

Thursday, Jan. 9 | 6:30-8 p.m.

This evening helps those who have experienced the loss of a spouse. Contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).



### GriefShare

Starts Thursday, Jan. 16 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

GriefShare is designed to help those who have suffered the death of a close friend or relative. Contact Pastor Phillips at [tim.phillips@gdlc.church](mailto:tim.phillips@gdlc.church).



### Your Help is Needed! Christmas Tear Down

Monday, Jan. 6 from 9-11 a.m. | 1-3 p.m. | 5-7 p.m.

It is a sad time to tear down our decorations, but we need your help! Plus, we will still be playing Christmas music, enjoying snacks and laughing. Register at [www.GDLC.CHURCH](http://www.GDLC.CHURCH).