

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Provincial designation of Fredericton being in the Orange Phase, all in-person activities at Grace are suspended. This includes in-person worship, Graceland, Youth group and other groups. Weekly online worship services will continue to be available each Sunday at [gracememorial.ca](http://gracememorial.ca) and on Grace Memorial YouTube channel.

We understand that this could cause people to feel anxious or depressed and please know that you are not alone. There are resources available within our church and our community.

- If you would like to speak with Pastor Peter, please call the office.
- **Fredericton Addiction and Mental Health Services** can be reached on-line; [horizonnb.ca](http://horizonnb.ca) or by phone 453-2132.
- **Canadian Mental Health Association of New Brunswick** online; [cmhanb.ca](http://cmhanb.ca) or by phone 455-5231.



**THIS WEEK@GRACE ONLINE:** Grace Virtual Café returns during the Orange Phase. Peter will host the Virtual Café at 10:30am Sunday morning. You are invited to join us, where there is a chance to catch up with others, pray and watch the service together. This is a Zoom gathering. You can use the link found in the Friday congregational email or the Sunday morning worship links email.

**STAFF SEARCH AND NOMINATIONS:** Leadership is looking for your input. At the Congregational Meeting on November 12 we adopted the **Vision Document** as a guiding document for the next five years. Part of the document includes recommendations for four areas of staffing without giving priority to any particular area. As Leadership begins to look at staff searching, they welcome your input on the order in which we seek God's person for these areas.

There is a link to a survey [in the congregational email](#) where you can give your input. Leadership is also beginning the nomination process for next year and welcome your suggestions which you can make in the same survey. You do not need to fill out every blank, just the spaces you believe you know the name of someone who might serve well. Thank you!

# Grace Memorial Baptist Church

## The Lord's Day

### 10:30 AM, Nov. 29, 2020

Welcome to Advent! Sunday marks the beginning of the season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Advent means "coming", and marks a period of waiting for the coming of Christ. During Advent, the weekly messages will explore the Christmas story through Luke's gospel. This week we see how both Luke's story and the announcement of John the Baptist's birth prepare us for the coming of Jesus, not just long ago in a stable, but today, in our lives.

**Message:** "The Gift"

*Rev. Peter Lohnes*



**"BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF FAITH":  
"A CHRIST-CENTRED MOSAIC" "MANY PEOPLES –  
ONE COMMUNITY"**

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Pastor of Seniors Visitation..... Rev Scott Dunham  
Organist/Accompanist..... Julie Probert  
Choir Director..... Erma Hawkes  
Church Office Administrator..... Lisa Melanson



**THE ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR BEGINS SUNDAY!** Short 2 to 5 minute videos from the people of Grace that include stories, songs, testimonies, memories, poems and more. You can find the link to the Advent Calendar on our website at [gracememorial.ca](http://gracememorial.ca) or visit our YouTube channel. A new video will be uploaded each day up to Christmas.



## ADVENT AT HOME

Why not create your own home Advent Wreath this year? All you really need are five candles and candle holders to put them in. Traditionally three purple, one pink and one white, but other colors are fine. You can use real candles or battery-operated ones. Included in the Friday bulletin email this week will be a suggested outline for having a home Advent candle moment, each week as we draw closer to Christmas. You can do it before, during or after you watch the online worship service, or anytime each week. Why not create your Advent Wreath this week and join us as we celebrate The Gift.



**CHRISTMAS BLESSING CARDS:** We are happy to be doing the Christmas Blessing Cards again this year! Drop your addressed cards (they don't need stamps) to the office. Please call ahead and do not drop them in the mailbox. Someone will meet you at the Northumberland doors.

These will go to those who are not able to attend regular services due to being shut-in. This can be a lonely and depressing time over the holiday season. Please refer to our Prayer Warriors section for names, located in the bulletin. **Cards are due by Dec. 13th.** Thank you for blessing those who are not able to attend regularly.



## ❖ PRAYER WARRIORS ❖

### Prayer Guide Nov. 29-Dec. 6

**Please pray for people in hospital and/or at home:**

**DECH:** Enide Smith,

**Moncton Hospital:** Guy Theriault

**At Home:** Margaret and Stephanie Pollock, Helen Currie, Sheila Martin, Heather Fletcher-Switzer, James Rankine, Faye Jeffery, Georgie Boldon, Kathy & Lewis Margeson, Teddy & Claire Randall, Maureen Arp, Norman Johnson, Rose Marie Patterson, Kay White, Gordon Palmer, David Irving, Bob & Liz Walton, Wayne Ross

**Shannex:** Dorothy Wilson, Velma MacDonald, Gregory Nickerson, Dora Dunham

**Veterans' Health Unit:** Helen White, Walter Currie

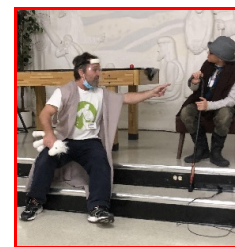
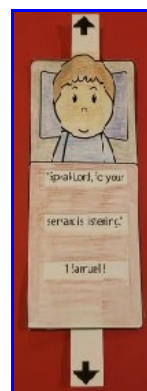
**Farraline Place:** Phyllis Betts

**Nashwaak Villa:** Glenna Robinson

**Windsor Court:** Eileen Wallace

**GRACELAND UPDATE!** A few highlights this week:

- Ragnar acted out and taught on 1 Samuel 3, how God can speak to children and how important it is to listen.
- For a crafts we made "listening ears" and a "slip trick" sleeping Samuel.



## YOUTH PRAYERS-----

Please pray for our youth:

- for God's blessings on our youth this holiday season.
- for our celebrations around the birth of Jesus to have deeper meaning for our youth this year.

**THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH AS THEY GROW IN CHRIST!**

## THIS WEEK: Nov. 29-Dec. 6

### Sunday, Nov. 29

Worship 1<sup>st</sup> Advent: HOPE . . . . . 10:30 AM by Zoom

### Tuesday, Dec. 1

Small Group Study. . . . . 7 PM by Zoom

### Sunday, Dec. 6 Food Bank

Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent: PEACE & Communion. 10:30 AM by Zoom

👉 Please drop off items at the Northumberland doors.



**WAYS TO GIVE :** Thank you for your faithful giving during this period when many find it difficult. It is a blessing to our Grace Community of Faith. Please note the changes for Drop-Off. We currently have four methods of giving;

- **Pre-Authorized Debit** – You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to Grace. If you wish to start, contact the office.
- **Drop-Off** – Please call ahead and someone will meet you at the door. Use the Northumberland Street door during office hours T-F 8:30-4:30, and ring the bell. Do not put it in the mailbox. Tellers are processing dropped off offerings about once every two weeks.
- **E-Transfer** – Please clearly note in the message section of the e-transfer how much you are directing to particular funds (For example: Current, Missions, Building, Easter). Funds that are not designated will be directed to Current expenses. Send e-transfers to our church Treasurer, Jim Monteith, at [jamesmonteith@rogers.com](mailto:jamesmonteith@rogers.com).
- **Canada Helps** - Canada Helps is a registered charity that collects online donations, then passes them on to the charity. Go to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org), search for Grace Memorial Baptist. Then follow the instructions to make a donation. Thank you!



### CBM PRAYER LINE

For more information, you can catch up with CBM online.  
[www.cbmin.org/prayerline/](http://www.cbmin.org/prayerline/)

We excitedly await and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ as well as the great anticipation of his return. Yes, even during a pandemic. Especially in the midst of a pandemic.

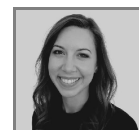
That's why we've created a set of Advent resources for you and/or your churches to use in the following weeks leading up to Christmas. The first week's reflection - Hope - is prepared by CBM's Team Lead for International Programs Julia Bowering.



We hope that these resources will be a blessing to you. Enjoy!

Your Prayerline Team

### CBM's Team Lead for International Programs Julia Bowering



Creator, we long for you to make all things new! Our hearts and spirits are weary after the year we have walked through. The horizon ahead is unclear and we cannot always see what you are doing.

Yet because of your generous grace and love, our hope is not lost in the dirt and dust. We are the clay and you are our potter. We trust our lives and our world to your artist hands.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.



**CBAC:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent: HOPE. For the next several weeks, churches will focus on aspects of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. How can you enter into the story this year in a new way? Pray for God to show you a way to interact(safely) with your neighbours so they too can experience the new life that Jesus brings. Pray that churches will be able to effectively share the hope, peace, love & joy of Christmas.

**Church to pray for:** Cornerstone Community Church, Wheaton Settlement, NB, Seniors Pastors– Rodney Blyth, Lloyd O'Blenes and Dennis Smith.