

PRELUDE.....Tom Fuchsen

WELCOME

-Please sign the attendance pad and place it in the offering plate.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE(S): The O'Clair Family
Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: John is the name given to the one who proclaims

P: Prepare the way of the Lord. Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand.

L: Jesus is the name given to the one who proclaims.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord. Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand

L: Yahweh is the name of the Lord who proclaims love to the world.

P: His Word is present among us, incarnate and alive. He has come to save us and reconcile the world.

*UNISON PRAYER:

God who comes down to make his home among us, write our names on your hand. May we as believers claim the work you have done, the work you are doing, and the work will accomplish. We believe this Christ child has united us all by your Spirit. May we be unified in our worship and loving service to the world around us. Ignite boldness within us to prepare the way and to live as your incarnate presence in the world.

HYMN....."Joy to the World".....UMH #246

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN....."O Little Town of Bethlehem".....UMH #230



OFFERTORY INVITATION

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OFFERTORY.....Tom Fuchsen

*DOXOLOGY... "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" ...UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN....."Good Christian Friends, Rejoice".....UMH #224

SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 2:1-20, Pew Bible Pg. #1560-1561
.....Isaiah 9:2-7, Pew Bible Pg. #1028-1029
.....Isaiah 62:6-12, Pew Bible Pg. #1124-1125
.....Liturgists, O'Clair Family

SERMON....."The Way is Clear"
Rev. Michael Slininger

COMMUNION.....UMH #13

*HYMN....."Silent Night, Holy Night".....UMH #239

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE.....Tom Fuchsen

*Please stand as able

Grace United Methodist Church – Spencer, Iowa

www.spencergumc.com – 712-262-5970

Rev. Michael Slininger

4:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 24, 2025

We are thankful that you joined us for this Christmas worship experience. If you are looking for a church, we welcome you to “Grow in Grace” with us. Our Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30 A.M. There are many opportunities to get involved. Here are just a few:

***Wednesday night schedule:**

2:00-4:00 P.M.-Loom work session

5:30-6:00 P.M.-Free Will Donation Meal-open to the community

6:00-7:00 P.M.-Grace Kidz

6:15-7:15 P.M.-Grace Choir Practice

7:15-8:15 P.M.-Grace Bell Choir Practice

***Praise Team-If you are interested in joining the Praise Music Team, practice is generally on Thursday at 3:00 P.M.**

***Coffee at Grace-Come join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 9:30 A.M. for coffee, treats, devotions, and fellowship.**



“The Way is Clear”



Grace Mission Statement:

Everyone is invited to know and feel God’s love, experience spiritual growth, encounter forgiveness, receive respect, and gain hope.