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The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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<u>* Where indicated, stand if you are able.</u>

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE — "A Winter Song"
Arr. Page

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP — Jennifer Prince

Leader: Let's gather together in the presence of our God. Let's bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanksgiving. Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.

People: Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary, You, and the ark of Your strength. Clothe us in justice and faithfulness, and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths.

Leader: Let's worship God together!

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #156 — "I Love to Tell the Story"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM — "How Beautiful are the Feet"
Handel
Performed by Zoe Bump

SCRIPTURE	John 1:29-42 *NT pg. 92*
SERMON	"What Are You Looking For?"
RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS	Ushers will come forward
OFFERTORY	
*DOXOLOGY	
CLOSING HYMN TFWS #2071	"Jesus, Name Above All Names"
SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION	
CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY	
POSTLUDE	"Redeemed" *Arr. Barnett*

Our worship service has ended.
Now, our worship through service begins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first four pews on both sides are fragrance-free.

The Flowers on the Altar are given by **Pamela Budd ,** dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of **Doug Jones** and **John Smith,** faithful Agape Sunday School teachers**!**

Sunday's Ushers: Thank you to our Ushers! **Tim Kilmer (**steward)**, Fred Bailey, JoAnn McGough,** and **Pam Rogalski**! Thank you to our Nursery Volunteer **Nancy Saxman!**

United Methodist Men are looking for new members! Contact **Fred Bailey** (828-707-3526) , **True Morse** (743-999-1769), or see the church website for more information.

CORRECTION—The January edition of the Messenger listed the next date for the **Tables of 16** meeting incorrectly. They will be meeting on January 21st at 11:30 at Longhorn Steakhouse off of Tunnel Rd. Contact **Linda Lankton** for more information (lanktonlinda53@gmail.com).

2025 Annual Contribution Statements are now available on the table outside of the sanctuary.

Blessing Box Sunday - This Sunday is the third Sunday of the month, marking our Blessing Box Sunday once again! We sincerely thank each of you for your generous donations. Most needed items right now are bottled water and peanut butter.

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, 1/20 at 3 pm in the Asbury lobby. Our program will be: Hansen's Disease: Modern day term for leprosy. (yes, it still exists). All are invited to join us.

Newsletter: If you or your group would like to advertise an upcoming event in next month's newsletter, please email your group/ event name and brief description to Mariah ***by January 22***. **gumcadmin@groceumc.org**

Altar Flower Calendar - is posted on the bulletin board in the front hall. We hope you will sign up to provide flowers for worship on the Sunday of your choice!

Special Offering—Human Relations Day is a special Sunday across our denomination, focused on fostering better relationships and supporting community and youth outreach. On the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, we take up a special offering to help bring his vision of a "beloved community" to life. Your gifts support important programs like Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation. Envelopes are on the table in the sanctuary.

Welcome Table Desserts: The weekly Welcome Table is in need of two volunteers a week to make desserts for their meal. If you are interested, please see the signup sheet located on the bulletin board outside the front office.

REMINDER - Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of the month. We will be collecting Children's Change. Don't forget to bring your loose change for the collection!

CHURCH CALENDAR: JAN 18-24

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00: Agape Sunday School Class **10:30:** Worship Service **4:00:** Confirmation Class **5:00:** Youth Group	**OFFICE CLOSED** **11:00:** Prayer Group	**10:30:** Crafters **11:00:** Outreach **1:30:** Tai Chi **3:00:** Miriam Circle **6:00:** TL3 **7:00:** Smoky Mtn. Brass	**11:30:** Tables of 16 **6:00:** Choir **6:00:** AA	**10:30:** Isaac Group **1:30:** Tai Chi **5:00:** Welcome Table	**6:00:** Quintet	**10:00:** Guitar League