Questions to Think About

Isaiah 8:11-9:7 conveys a compelling message about fear, divine guidance, and the hope found in Christ. It encourages us to move from darkness into light, trusting in God's future plans while actively participating in His work of transformation in our lives and communities. Consider these questions:

1. What does the contrast between darkness and light represent in this passage, and how can understanding this contribute to your perspective on hope in your own life?
2. In what ways does the promise of a coming Messiah, described with titles like Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace, inspire hope during challenging times?
3. How can seeking guidance from God, as opposed to societal influences, strengthen your sense of hope and assurance in difficult situations?
4. What are some personal experiences where you have felt hope in the midst of despair, and how do these experiences connect with the themes presented in Isaiah?
5. How might the call to encourage one another to seek the light impact your community's ability to foster hope among its members?
6. In what ways does the broader promise of peace and justice in this passage inspire you to actively contribute to hope in your personal life and community?

A central thought for reflection:

The season of Advent invites us to reflect on the transformative hope that Jesus is offering each of us.. It's a reminder that hope is both a gift and an active choice, prompting us to share that hope with others as we await the fulfillment of God's promises.

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November 29, 2026
The First Sunday of Advent

We are so glad you are here to worship God with us! During the time of musical prelude, consider offering a silent prayer for our service of worship this morning.

Order of Worship

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24)

Musical Prelude *Bev Wanner*

Welcome & Time of Greeting *Rev. Tyler Henderson*

***Hymn** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* *#686 (vs 1, 3, 4 &6)*

Advent Candle & Call to Worship *Denton Family*

Leader: We come today with hearts longing for hope, waiting for the promises of God to be fulfilled.

People: We place our hope in the Lord, whose promises are faithful and whose love never fails.

Leader: As we begin this season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

People: Come, Lord Jesus! Fill our hearts with hope, strengthen our faith, and shine Your light into our world.

Leader: Let us worship the God of hope, who was, and is, and is to come!

Unison: Glory to God in the highest! Come, let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"* *#271 (vs 1 &2)*

(During the hymn, kid may go to Children's Worship in Faith Express.)

Prayer of Praise and Confession

Gracious and loving God, as we begin this season of Advent, we confess that we have not always lived as people of hope. We allow the worries of the world, the demands of daily life, and our own fears to distract us from living hope filled lives. Forgive us Lord when we miss opportunities to share kindness, compassion, and love. As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, renew our faith, restore our hope, and help us walk in the light of Your presence. May this Advent season remind us that even in the darkness, Your light continues to shine.

(A time is given for a silent personal confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri**

Sermon Text Isaiah 8:11-9:7

Sermon A Weary World Rejoices
"Hope in the Midst of Darkness!"
Rev. Dr. Rick Myers

***Hymn** *"Blessed Assurance"* *#572 (vs 1, 2, &3)*

A Time for Prayer

Dedicating Ourselves to God
"O Come, All Ye Faithful" *GLPC Choir*

***Doxology**

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in the promise of hope, a beacon that shines through darkness and uncertainty. We affirm that hope is rooted in our faith in God, who is faithful and unchanging. We hold fast to the assurance that, through Jesus Christ, our hope is made complete—a hope that brings healing, restoration, and peace. We believe that hope empowers us to embrace the future, inspiring us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly in the light of God's love. Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* *#244 (vs 1 &2)*

Benediction

***Congregational Response**

**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

Ushers:

Prayers for:

Thompson family
Bailey family
Glover family

Joan Warburton
Brad Todd
Nick & Bill Swierc

Clarann McCoy
Kathie Bishop

If you have a prayer request or would like to join our prayer team, please email prayers@grandlakespc.org.

Worship Flowers

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for worship services in celebration, honor, or memory of someone or something, please sign up in the binder next to the volunteer desk!



2026 Stewardship Snapshot

Total 2026 Budgeted Contributions:	$744,161
YTD Income as of October 31:	$670,059
Remaining to meet 2026 goal:	$74,102
90% of Annual Goal	
83% Target	

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What's happen'n at GLPC?!



Join us this Advent Season!

During the Sundays in Advent, we will be using the hymn "O Holy Night" as our theme to explore how a weary world can rejoice because of the birth of Christ. As the faithful, called and loved by God, let us do more than merely enjoy the Christmas season. Let us rejoice in the birth of our Savior and the reality of His redeeming love and saving grace!

Women's Ornament Exchange

Thursday, December 3 | 6-8pm

Ladies of GLPC, get ready to jingle and mingle! Bring an appetizer and a wrapped ornament for a night of fellowship and fun. Sign up at the church or through the QR code. After signing up, the event address will be emailed to you.





Sleigh Ride Supper

Saturday, Dec. 12th, 5:00pm

All adults are welcome to join for our annual Sleigh Ride Supper! Enjoy dinner from Hasta la Pasta in small groups at host homes followed by dessert and fellowship at the Paulsons'!

$10/person. Register by Nov. 29th.
Sign up in the church foyer or online.
Childcare available at the church with pizza for the kids.

Also, We Need Host Homes!

We're looking for host homes to gather groups for dinner. If you're interested email Susan at fun@grandlakespc.org.

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

K-5th grade Sunday School at 9:30 & 10:30am

Sunday Morning Childcare

Childcare is available for children ages 5 years old & younger.



Children's Choir!

Sunday, December 13 our children's choir will lead us in worship the entire service! Children's choir practices at 10am in Faith Express! Contact Audrey De la Cruz for more info.



Welcome to Bethlehem! - Sunday, Dec. 20th

We hope kiddos will join us after the service in Faith Express as we journey back in time to the sights, sounds, and smells of the night Jesus was born!

Youth Ministry



Youth Bible Study, Sundays 5:00-6:30pm

All Jr. & Sr. High Youth are welcome to join us for Bible study, fellowship, and fun!

Upcoming Calendar:

Nov 15 - ZaZerts & Mismatch Night
Nov 22 - NO YOUTH
Sat, Nov 28 - Santa's Sleigh Shopping
Nov 29 - Fixer Upper Gingerbread House Edition



Youth Confirmation Class

Confirmation will break for the holidays and continue after the new year on January 10th!

Youth Winter Retreat! - February 12-15

For any and all Middle & High School students! We will spend a 3-day weekend to travel to Mo-Ranch Presbyterian Camp! We love our retreats as they are incredible opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship!

Early Registration (by Jan. 10): $250
Late Registration (by Jan. 31): $300

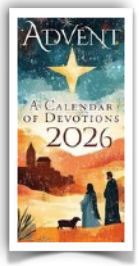


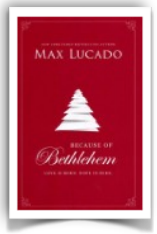


Christmas Poinsettias

You can help grace our Christmas Eve worship services with poinsettias from Brookwood Community. Each plant is $12. Order forms are available at the church and forms are due by ***December 12th!*** You may take home your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve services.

Advent Discipleship Opportunities





Sunday School Class: During the season of Advent, the Cultivators Class (room 209) will be following Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem" series. All are welcome to join!

Devotional Booklets: We will have free advent devotional booklets available in the foyer. We encourage you to use these booklets as you journey through the Advent season.



Missions: Christmas Toy Drives

We are supporting families through Katy Christian Ministries and Presbyterian Homes & Services with a Christmas toy drive! Our Mission team will have more information available in the foyer.

