

Grace at a Glance

The Arrival of the Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Christmas II



Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

² After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the

people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,”

they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem

and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship

him.”⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it

stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw

the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented

him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to

their country by another route.

Prayer of the Day

God of revelation, Magi from the east came in search of a meaning for the bright star in the sky. We too, often search for meaning as we search for evidence of Jesus in our world. Show us His presence in all things and at all times, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for January at Grace is Doctors Without Borders. DWB provides lifesaving care in over 70 countries. They are dedicated to providing medical care to people in distress including victims of political violence and natural disasters. The population the group assists typically lack access to adequate resources for medical treatment.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this organization which serves those in need of medical attention but are unable to financially get access to life-saving and life-changing medical procedures. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you.

This Sunday we worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Confidential Prayer Link: <https://forms.gle/oCUEbVJ6CkmdD3nB6>

We have established a confidential prayer email that we have added to our website which can be used by anyone wishing for prayers. This can be made available to just the pastor, the pastor and the prayer chain, OR the pastor, the prayer chain, and the congregation as you choose. Please feel free to test it out. This is just one more way you can access our pastor and/or the prayer team.

We have discontinued the phone access to worship services as it was not being used. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

We will continue to post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we go forward. We pray for everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Your giving is very important to continuing our missions as always. You can give electronically using the give button on the website (www.gracelutheranstpaul.fyi), mail it in to the church (1730 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul 55106) or place in the offering at worship on Sunday.

The office hours are M-Thurs, 9:30-1:30. Feel free to call the church (651-774-9617) with any questions, prayers, or requests for help.

Upcoming: Sunday, 1/4/26 - Magi/Kings arrive - worship @9:30 am



Monday, December 29— Sunday, January 4, 2026

Tuesday, December 30 12 - 2 pm Customized Options*
7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*

Wednesday, December 31 **Happy New Year!!**

Thursday, January 1 Grace Book Club (virtual)
postponed until January 8th

Friday, January 2 7-9 pm Iglesias de Dios*


Sunday, January 4 **9:30 am Worship - Christmas II**
Live streamed and recorded
10:45 am Fellowship & Sunday School

12-3 pm Iglesias de Dios*

*outside group using facilities

Grace Spotlight

Did you know?



Stained Glass Windows

Contemporary symbolism is portrayed in the stained glass windows in the nave of the church. Designed by Ludwig Schermer, the glass is one inch thick and chipped around its edges to refract light. It is set in special concrete. The windows were made in Germany and are approximately 25' high of narrowing widths as one approaches the chancel.

Church Chuckles

