

Next Sunday: .....January 26, 2025  
 Liturgist: Fritz Wildermuth 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

*Abundant Grace UCC*  
 January 19, 2025  
 9:30 am Worship Service  
 18200 Dixie Hwy, Homewood IL, 60430

Tomorrow, **January 20<sup>th</sup>** is MLK Day. If you, or someone you know would like details on “Day of Service” opportunities, there are packets of information on the back table with several things for you to choose from.

**DO-ABLE COMMITTEE:** Our famous Tower of Tissue is growing and we have 5 more weeks to donate. Thank you for your contributions as we continue to help Respond Now and ANEW with essential items. AGUCC is truly an architect for our neighbors.

**Newsletter articles are almost due!!** Since the deadline, January 25<sup>th</sup>, falls on Saturday, you actually have until **Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>**; that’s a whole week away, so to insure your very important article gets into the newsletter, make sure your submission is in the office computers by **9am, Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>**. Thank-you in advance for your cooperation.

**Special Prayer Requests:** In upholding our commitment as members and friends to one another, we ask you to keep the following member families and friends in your prayers this week:

Jean Dougherty	Rev. Keitric & Dr. Lakshmi Emory	Lois Fritz
Patricia Garnett	Melinda Geist	Max Geldean
Melinda Arce-Gudino	Laura Stanfa	

*How will they know?*

<i>January 19, 2025-Janurary 26, 2025</i>					
<b>Today</b>	Worship Service	9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	Naomi Circle	1:00 pm
	Fundraisng Meeting	10:45 am		Choir Rehearsal	7: 00 pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>MLK Day</b>		<b>Sunday</b>	Worship Service	9:30 am
	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>				
	Hospitality				
	Organization Day	10:00 am			
<b>Tuesday</b>	Bible Study	10:00 am			
	Property Meeting	1:00 pm			

Pastor.....Rev. Keitric Emory  
 Choir Director.....Ronisha Penner  
 Organist/Pianist.....Leon Dubose Sr.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

PRELUDE *"Spirit of the Living God"*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Lulewicz

+HYMN #482 *"Sanctuary"* Thompson/Scruggs

+PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in unison)

**Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control, and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness, and the power and spirit you have poured into us, embolden our faith. For we ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior. AMEN.**

+PASSING OF PEACE

Greet one another with Christ's peace.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen!**

WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERING

OFFERING SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"I Believe"*

+DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen."*

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Eternal loving God, we thank you for another opportunity to worship you through giving. May our gifts declare your glory, and benefit the common good. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity, and the opportunity to participate in your kingdom on earth. Bless them in a way only you can, to be used for your benefit. We offer this prayer in the holy and righteous name of Jesus Christ. AMEN. AMEN, and AMEN.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"He Is the Rock"*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (pg.133)

SERMON *"How Will They Know?"* Rev. Keitric L. Emory

+CLOSING HYMN #498 *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* Akers/Smallwood

+THE COMMISSION

**Go into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; help the afflicted; honor all. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of God's Spirit.**

+CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #749 *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*

**"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious; the Lord be gracious, gracious unto you."**

+CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *"Oceans"*

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+*Those who are able, please stand.*

*There are Hearing Assistance devices on the back table of the Sanctuary if you have trouble hearing the service. Please return them before you leave for future uses.*