

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADVENT READING

### Congregational Chorus

You have drawn near that we might draw near  
Love and compassion that drives out all fear

You have drawn near that I might draw near  
You've opened the heavens and met all of us right here.

**OPENING HYMN** #138 GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY** #137 WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

## SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

#166 WE THREE KINGS

#132 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

#157 AWAY IN A MANGER

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Okontoe

Okontoe is a place for you to connect with Jesus, his family, & his creation – to be restored, transformed & equipped for His Kingdom purpose.

## MESSAGE

Dr. Bob Evans

## CLOSING SONG

#145 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

## BENEDICTION

## SERMON NOTES

### How Can We Pray For You?

If you would like prayer for anything please fill out a prayer card, which will be available in the pews, and place it in the box in the foyer under the t.v. or email your request to [prayer@grandmaraisfree.church](mailto:prayer@grandmaraisfree.church)

*Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church*

Quinlee Bohnen 12/27, Bruce Dahlman 12/29, Elsa Sorensen 12/29

*Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm  
Cookies will be served after.

### Weekly Events

Thursday

**Celebrate Recovery** 5:30 pm Dinner 6:10 pm  
Large Group 7:00 pm Men's & Women's Small Group

**New Years Eve Fellowship & Game Night**

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 6pm to ???

Fellowship Hall

Bring a snack to share

Stop for a few minutes or stay to ring in the new year!

Six Days of Prayer to Begin the Year

- \* Join us **January 1-6** as we come together in prayer to start 2024 grounded in God’s presence.
- \* Meet at the church parking lot at **7am Monday-Friday** morning for a short field trip to the Pincushion Overlook. We’ll have a time of worship and prayer overlooking God’s beautiful creation, the setting for our local mission field and be back at church before 8am.
- \* On **Saturday, January 6th**, we’ll have a Prayer Breakfast at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be food, fellowship, prayer, and our Discovery Team will give an update on their process as we seek God’s blessing on our church this next year.
- \* **Make plans to join in these Six Days of Prayer as we seek God’s blessing and direction in the new year. Let’s start 2024 grounded in prayer and worship together!**

Care Center Service  
 Sunday January 7, 2:00 pm

Church Council Meeting  
 Sunday January 7, following the service there will be a church council meeting for all Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses. Lunch will be served.  
 Annual Meeting will be January 28, following the service.

	<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 31</u>	<u>January 7</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	Dahlman T. Dean	Seim Martinson	Piepho Lindstrom
<b>Sonshine Club</b>			
<b>Nursery</b>		Brenna/Quinlee	
<b>Missions</b>	Okontoe/Laky		

**Advent Week #4 bulletin artwork: Sandro Boticelli (1475)**

**Symbolism includes:**

- Mary’s red dress is symbolic of Christ’s blood.
- The earliest depictions of Mary and Christ date to the 2nd century.
- The adoration of the Magi represents Jesus’ recognition as the Son of God.
- Often this scene is depicted in a lean-to or within classical ruins, pointing toward humility and the triumph of the new world order over the crumbling old world order.



**Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church**

10:30 am Worship Service  
 December 24, 2023

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