

February 24, 2015

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

When the weather is as bad as it's been lately, particularly on weekends, people often ask if we are having church. And, the answer is: YES! We ALWAYS have church!

Okay, that is not exactly true. I did cancel a service once. It was here at Grace Church, just a few years ago. A nasty storm blew through on a Saturday night, knocking out power to the church building, and so we cancelled the 8:00 a.m. service for safety reasons. But, we did hold the 10:30 service in the undercroft where the natural light flowed through the windows and was enough for people to see.

Only one cancelled service in 30+ years of going to church as adult. That's pretty good. My math skills are pretty rusty, but I think that is less than 1/10 of one percent, in which case I think it is pretty fair to say we ALWAYS have church.

We ALWAYS have church because having church is the most important thing we do. It is how we give praise and thanks to God. It is how we bear witness to God's love and mercy. That should not and does not stop just because the weather is bad.

For two thousand years, Christians have worshipped God in all sorts of places, under all sorts of conditions. Our worship, even in the midst of blizzards and arctic cold, binds us to them, reminding us that we are part of a larger community, a community that was, and is, and always will be.

So, we ALWAYS have church.

That said, we encourage parishioners to use their best judgment in venturing outside in bad weather. Your safety comes first. This includes all those scheduled to serve in worship. If you cannot make it to church because of the weather, please do not worry. We understand. And, we can adjust accordingly.

We will also do our best in sending out timely email announcements, letting you know the status of church events and activities, including Sunday School and nursery care.

But, no matter what the weather is, church is on.

See you there,
Andrew