

Promises: Abraham and the Gospel  
Genesis 12

December 11, 2022  
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**Prayer Items**

- Pray that God would turn the church's eyes to the community: the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering. Thank God for how he has provided for us and that we would turn our eyes toward the most weak and fragile among us, to give as you have given through Christ.
- Pray for Main St Ministries. Pray for their board, their staff, and those to whom they minister.
- Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! Psalm 100:1-4

**Church Service 10:30 a.m.**

## Welcome to Grace Community Fellowship!

Welcome to Grace Community Fellowship! We are glad that you are here.

If you are new to Grace, please take a moment to **fill out the communication card** attached to this program and drop it in one of the boxes at the back of the auditorium or take it to the Connect Desk in the lobby.

- Nursery (0–24 months and 2–3 years) is available during the whole service
- Kids Time (4 years–1st grade) is available during the sermon time
  - Nursery and kids classrooms are located through the double doors in the back of the auditorium
- Activity bags are available on the coat rack in the back of the auditorium for children who are staying in the service
- Hearing assistance devices are available on the table in the back of the auditorium

We are excited to worship with you this morning!

## What's Happening at Grace

Check our calendar on the Church Center App or at [gcfhillsboro.net](http://gcfhillsboro.net) for continuous up-to-date information.

### BRING/BUILD: Bible Reading Plan

We invite you to join us in our church family Bible reading plan. Find details at [gcfhillsboro.net/biblereading](http://gcfhillsboro.net/biblereading) or pick up a printed yearly guide at the info wall in the lobby.

### BRING/BUILD: December Memory Verse

Isaiah 9:6. *Pick up flashcards to practice at the Connect Desk.*

### SEND: Volunteer need at Main Street Ministries

There are three moms at Main Street Ministries who are working at Parkside and need childcare pretty much every day from 5:45am–2:45pm. If you could help at all with childcare for these 5 kids (ages 4–20 months), please email [volunteersm@gmail.com](mailto:volunteersm@gmail.com).

### Elder Affirmation Vote

We will be voting to affirm our two elder candidates—Jeremy Duerksen and Dennis Funk—immediately following the service on Sunday, December 18.

### Holiday Gathering Schedule

Saturday, December 24 — Christmas Eve service, 5:30–6:30pm

Sunday, December 25 — Corporate Gathering, 10:30–11:45am

Sunday, January 1 — Corporate Gathering, 10:30–11:45am

\*\* There will be no nursery or kids time during these gatherings.

## Statistics from Previous Sunday

Attendance: 158

General Fund Offering: \$4,036.48

## Ways to Connect with Us



[gcfhillsboro.net](http://gcfhillsboro.net)  
[gcfhillsboro.churchcenter.com](http://gcfhillsboro.churchcenter.com)



Grace Community Fellowship



[info@gcfhillsboro@gmail.com](mailto:info@gcfhillsboro@gmail.com)



Connect Table in Foyer



Church Center App

### THIS WEEK

Today  
December 18

Kids Christmas Program, during corporate gathering  
Elder affirmation vote

### UPCOMING

December 24  
December 25  
December 25  
January 1

Christmas Eve service | 5:30–6:30pm  
Corporate Gathering | 10:30–11:45am  
NO nursery, NO kids time  
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### OUR MISSION:

DEVELOPING BIBLICALLY GROUNDED FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST



### OUR VISION:

BRING

people to BELIEVE and BELONG

SALVATION AND BAPTISM

CONNECT LUNCH

GRACE CONNECTIONS

BIBLE READING

CORPORATE GATHERING

MEMBERSHIP

BUILD

people IN TRUTH and FOR SERVICE

SMALL GROUPS

SEND

people out into SERVICE

Serve the Body

Make Disciples

Love your Neighbor

## Giving

We believe that regular giving to the local church is an essential act of worship in response to God's provision for us. And when you give here at Grace, you are directly supporting and playing a part in a number of local, domestic, and global ministries.

You can give during the service by placing your tithes and offerings in one of the two boxes in the back of the auditorium or you can give online as a one-time gift or set up automatic withdrawals at [gcfhillsboro.net/give-online](http://gcfhillsboro.net/give-online)

General Budget Income 2022: \$382,581.60