

12/07/2025

Welcome

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:1-11

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
Angels, We Have Heard On High

Choir

Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

Ephesians 3:1-13

Message

The Mystery of God's Plan

Ephesians 3:1-7

Communion

Song of Response

His Mercy Is More

Benediction

Welcome Guests - We are glad you joined us this morning. Please stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a visitor's packet.

Mother's Room - Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Conference Room 2 (located at the top of the ramp) is available for nursing babies or mothers to tend to children during the service. Livestream is available.

Nursery - Our nursery is for newborns - 2 years old and is available during the 9:00 a.m. classes and 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Closed Caption is available during the sermon on your mobile device. Visit the Welcome Center for instructions or scan the QR code here or at an entrance into the Worship Center.



Grace Church of Rootstown

Today with Grace Church

9:00 a.m. - Classes

Children (3 yrs-6th Grade)

Student Ministries (6th-12th Grade)

Adult Class

Young Adult Class

Children's Wing (Lower Level)

Room 101 (Lower Level)

Fellowship Hall

Fellowship Hall

Worship Center

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service

Children's Church (Children are dismissed at the beginning of the sermon to meet Kathi Pritt in the foyer)

Worship Center

4:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

6:00 p.m. - Sunday Nights with Grace

AWANA

Ladies' Study

Men's Study - Book of Acts

Young Adult Men's Study - Pilgrims Progress

Gym

Room 101 (Lower Level)

Conference Room 1

Conference Room 2

Announcements

9:00 AM Adult Classes

Beginning today, Sunday, December 7, the adult/young adult classes will be combined and spend the first three weeks with an Advent study series. The following four weeks after starting Sunday, December 28, we will study Prayer and include the student ministries (6th-12th grade).

The Excellent Wife Study

Ladies just a reminder, we do not meet in December. We will resume on Sunday, January 11, at 4:45 p.m.

Missionary Christmas Cards

This Christmas, please consider sending a card to our missionaries! Let's bless them with love and encouragement. You can drop your Christmas cards in the basket at the Mission Center. We'll be collecting them through December 21st.

Church Directories

The updated church directory is now available for pickup in your church mailbox. If you did not receive a new directory, please contact the church office.

Updated Mailbox List

Updated mailbox list are at the Welcome Center. Please feel free to take one.

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Children's Church Christmas Program Schedule
Christmas in Kid City Schedule

Sun, Dec 7 – 10:30 AM Speaking parts. All others after congregation worship.

Saturday, Dec 13 – Noon to 2:30 PM – Dress Rehearsal in the Worship Center for all ages – Pizza Party approximately 1:30 (younger kids may leave after pizza party)

Sun, Dec 14 – Final run through beginning at 10:30 AM for all in Fellowship Hall

Sun, Dec 14 – Be at the church by **5:30 PM – It's Showtime!**

Any Questions, call or text Kathi Pritt - 330-554-7332



Join Our Welcome Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our church greeter team on Sunday mornings. If you enjoy making people feel welcome, and are a member of GCOR, this is a great way to serve. Please contact the church office.

Ladies Retreat 2026

Ladies (seniors high school and older) mark your calendars for March 13-14, 2026, for our next Ladies Retreat! Further details to be announced.

Nursery Workers

Today

9:00 a.m.

Melody Parkinson; Heather Kennedy

10:30 a.m.

Emilie Fronk; Katy Lookabaugh

Next Week

9:00 a.m.

Elle Evans; Vicki Letts

10:30 a.m.

Debbie Cross; Grace Pieplow

Children's Church Helpers

Today

Kathi Pritt; Sherry White
Charlotte Simkanin

Next Week

Kathi Pritt; Daryl Evans
Lydia Lookabaugh

This Week's Calendar December 7 - December 13

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Women's' Bible Study

Conference Room 1

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Worship Center

7:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Conference Room 1

Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study

Fellowship Hall

2025 Financials

General Budget

\$ 28,045.56 - October Giving
\$ 25,370.00 - Monthly Budget
\$262,436.48 - Giving YTD
\$253,700.00 - Budget YTD

Capital Improvement

\$1050.00 - October Giving
\$ 0.00 - November 2
\$ 0.00 - November 9
\$ 0.00 - November 16
\$ 71.66 - November 23
\$ 0.00 - November 30

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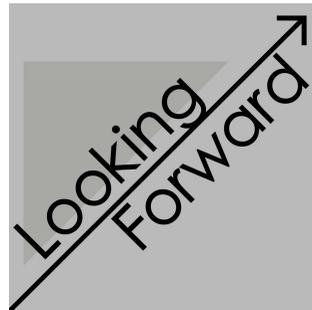
Missionary Spotlight

December: Ken and Amy Lowe in Portugal

Updates

1. Pastors Groups – Ken is hosting two groups of pastors the first week of each month. Please pray for these men during that week.
 2. Interim Pastor – Recently Ken was asked to take charge of the church as the pastor needed to take a sabbatical. This has changed the focus of the ministry, but things are going well.
 3. Counseling – The counseling load for both Ken and Amy has increased this fall. Please pray for their wisdom and discernment in very delicate situations.
 4. Psalms of Lament – They have just finished a study guide on 15 different Psalms. It is a study guide to help those who are dealing with long term grief. Here is the link if you would like to download the study. <https://www.drkenlowe.com/psalmstudyguide>
- “Thank you for your interest in our ministry. We really appreciate your involvement in our lives.”

*Please check out the Mission Table for new missionary letter updates



December 11

December 14

December 18

December 20

December 24

December 24-25/31

Elders' Meeting

Christmas Concert

Senior Luncheon

Men's Breakfast

Christmas Eve Service

Office Closed

<https://calendar.planningcenteronline.com>

GRACE CHURCH OF ROOTSTOWN

The Mystery of God's Plan

Ephesians 3:1-7

Tim Paulding
Pastor-Teacher

December 7, 2025

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