

We are a family, building Christ-centered homes who impact their world.

GraceFirst Worship Service 9/22/24

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 113

Offering

Hymns of Praise

Pre-K to 1st grade kids participating in Children's Church dismissed

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:1-7

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Ephesians 4:1-6, "Unity in the Church"

Hymn of Commission - #200

Benediction

"So it is that the church is the body of Christ and we are its members. For since we are all united to Christ through his sacred body, having received that one indivisible body into our own, our members are not our own but his." – Cyril of Alexandria (5th Cent. Theologian)

If this is your first time at GraceFirst, we hope you'll give us the chance to get to know you better by filling out a Connection Card from the pew rack in front of you, then drop it off at the Welcome Center as you leave and pick up a small gift.

Wireless access: Username=GraceFirstGuest; Password=Psalm145:9

Looking ahead

TODAY High School Lunch Out

11:45 am | Watch for more info. | To be notified of youth group events, text @GFCYTH to 81010

Concert of Prayer 6:00 pm

SEPT

- 24 Ladies' Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ Doc Green's, 13th & K-96
- 25 Youth See You AFTER the Pole 5:45 8 pm | We'll leave church at 5:45 to go to Central Christian for a cookout prior to the 7:00 SYATP event. We'll return by 8pm.
- 26 Men's Ministry
 6:30 pm | Josh R. leads discussion "How do we effectively pass the gospel to the next generation of believers?"
- 27 Paint Night 6:00 pm ¦ We will be painting a poppy w/ bee. Everyone is welcome to attend. ¦ Cost: 8 x 10 =\$12; 5 x 5 = \$5 (1 available) ¦ Sign up in the Lobby.
- 29 Middle School Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ To be notified of youth group events, text @GFCYTH to 81010

OCT

- 6 Dominican Republic Trip Meeting 11:30 am ¦ \$200 deposit due
- 8 Men's Lunch Out 11:30 ¦ at Old Chicago, E. Kellogg (Towne East parking lot)

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Pastor Tim will share a message on Church and Politics

Visit our website www.gracefirst.church

Giving Report

Sept. 15: \$ 11,393 Last 4-wk avg: \$ 9,258 '24 YTD Giving: \$410,204

Our Elders

Mark Goldberg, Chairman Dave Sitz, Vice-Chairman Sean Jahansooz, Secretary Brian Werner, Stewardship Kevin Angell Mike Kuss Pastor Tim Cho

"Unity in the Church" Ephesians 4:1-6

Pastor Tim Cho

Sept. 22, 2024

Q: How should we live in a manner worthy of our call as a local church?

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Big Idea: Diligently pursue unity as representatives united with Christ
1. Unity in the church must be pursued with every effort (vv. 1, 3)
2. Unity in the church is displayed through our conduct (v. 2)
3. Christian unity is grounded in our union with the triune God (vv. 4-6)

Pray for our Church Family

Jim McLaughlin Rhonda TenClay Harold Roesler Brian Plank

For additional prayer needs, pick up the prayer sheet at the Welcome Desk by the main entrance.

Recommended Reading for September (All books listed are in the library):

- 1. The Apostle Paul:
 - a. Bruce Shelley, Church History in Plain Language 5th Edition,
 Ch. 1: Wineskins Old and New The Apostle Paul, 27-32.
- 2. The Church:
 - a. Gregg R. Allison, Historical Theology, Chs. 27-29: Church Government, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, 588-658.
 - b. Mark Dever, Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, Chs. 4-5: Church Membership and Church Discipline, 121-170.
 - c. J.I. Packer, Knowing God, Ch. 19: Sons of God, 181-208.
 - d. Evangelical Convictions 2nd Edition, Article 7: The Church, 131-160.
- Greek Philosophy:
 - a. John Frame, A History of Western Philosophy and Theology, Ch. 2: Greek Philosophy, 46-81.

GraceFirst Sermon Series Plans			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>	
9/29/24	Church and Politics	Pastor Tim	
10/6/24	Eph. 4:7-16, "Growing Together"	Kevin Angell	
10/13/24	Eph. 4:17-5:2, "New Clothes in Christ"	Pastor Tim	
10/20/24	Eph. 5:3-14. "Walking in the Light"	Pastor Jake	
10/27/24	Eph. 5:15-21, "Wise Life is Spirit-filled Life"	Pastor Tim	
11/3/24	Eph. 5:22-33, "Dear Husbands & Wives"	Pastor Tim	
11/10/24	Eph. 6:1-9, "Dear Children, Fathers,"	Pastor Tim	
11/17/24	Eph. 6:10-20, "Gear Up for Battle"	Pastor Tim	
11/24/24	Eph. 6:21-24, "The Power of Grace"	Pastor Tim	