

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

GraceFirst Worship Service 9/29/24

Preparation for Worship #317

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 146

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: "Church and Politics"

Hymn of Commission

Benediction

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. " – 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 NIV

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 Middle School Lunch Out

11:30 am ¦ To be notified of youth group events, text @GFCYTH to 81010

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- 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)
- 10 Men's Ministry 6:30 pm ¦ Adam K. leads discussion "What are the different biblical models of church polity?" et. al.
- 20 Combined Worship Service w/ Genesis 10:15 am ¦ Here at GraceFirst
- 22 Ladies' Lunch Out 11:30 am ¦ Los Cocos, across from Dillons in Andover.
- 24 Men's Ministry 6:30 pm | Bobby G. leads discussion "What are the essentials of the gospel?"
- 26 Dinners for 8 6 pm ¦ Watch for sign ups.
- 27 Youth Fundraiser Lunch 11:30 am ¦ Menu: TBD
- 27 Business Meeting 12:30 pm ¦ Everyone is welcome to attend. ¦ Members will be voting on whether to move forward w/ the lighted sign out front.

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship & Communion, 10:15 am

Kevin Angell resumes the Ephesians study

Visit our website www.gracefirst.church

Giving Report

Sept. 22: \$ 11,373 Last 4-wk avg: \$ 9,479 '24 YTD Giving: \$421,577

Our Elders

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

"Church and Politics"

Pastor Tim Cho

Sept. 29, 2024

Q: What does God desire for His people living in a politically unstable land?

Big Idea: Do not fear what the people fear but only fear the Lord your God (Isaiah 8:12b-14a)

What does it look like to fear the Lord in a politically unstable time?

1. Fear God by trusting Him only through prayer with a repentant heart (2 Chron. 7:13-14)

2. Fear God through good stewardship by voting to seek the welfare of the land (Jer. 29:7)

3. Fear God by prioritizing the gospel over politics as an ambassador of Christ (2 Cor. 5:20)

Pray for our Church Family

Jim McLaughlin Rhonda TenClay Joan Hepburn Dale McCollum

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>
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
12/1/24	Advent series	Pastor Tim