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

GraceFirst Worship Service

11/24/24

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Missions Spotlight - Global Signet Group

Call to Worship: John 17:22-26

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Eph. 6:21-24, "Distinguishing Marks of God's People"

Hymn of Commission - #287

Benediction

"Yes, it is an undying love (v. 24) but only because those who love him will never die. Grace is not dependent on the quality of our love, but is the gift of God." – Constantine Campbell, Pillar NT Commentary on Ephesians

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

NOV

27 NO Wednesday evening activities

28 Church Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

DEC

1 Dominican Republic Trip Meeting
11:30 am

10 Men's Lunch Out
11:30 am † at Old Chicago, E. Kellogg (Towne East parking lot)

10 Women's Christmas Dinner
6 pm † Menu: Swedish Meatballs, noodles, salad, dessert. † Cost: \$5

14 Adults w/ Special Needs Event
3 - 6 pm † here at GraceFirst

15 Christmas "Gift" Exchange
9 am † Share your gift of music, a special poem, reading or skit, *as long as it pertains to Christmas and most importantly honors Christ.* † You're also invited to share gifts of paintings, drawings, quilts, or something you've created. We will set up the displays in the Lobby. † You may sign up in the Lobby (don't forget to sign up for a rehearsal time, too). Daniel K. will review your entry.

22 Adult Sunday School only; NO Youth or Children's Sunday School

24 Candlelight Service
6 pm

Next Sunday
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship & Communion, 10:15 am

*Pastor Tim begins the
Advent series*

Visit our website
www.gracefirst.church

Giving Report

Nov. 17:	\$ 21,302
Last 4-wk avg:	\$ 15,946
'24 YTD Giving :	\$539,587

Our Elders

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

“Distinguishing Marks of God’s People”

Ephesians 6:21-24

Pastor Tim Cho

Nov. 24, 2024

Q: What makes the church stand out from the world?

Big Idea: As children of God, live out the love of God

As members of God’s family, we must live out God’s love through -

1. Bold gospel proclamation (v. 20)
2. Faithful Christian service (vv. 21-22)
3. Peace of Christ (v. 23)
4. Love with faith (v. 23)
5. Grace empowered life (v. 24)

Pray for our Church Family

Hilde Yops
Buhlers' son & DIL
Charles McConnell
Micki Davis's son

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

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

1. The Holy Spirit's work in our lives:
 - a. J.I. Packer, Keep in Step with the Spirit, Ch. 2: The Holy Spirit in the Bible, 55-76.
2. Spiritual Warfare:
 - a. Martyn Lloyd Jones, God the Holy Spirit, Ch. 19: Sanctification – God's Work and Ours, 200-209.
 - b. Donald MacLeod, Christ Crucified: Understanding the Atonement, Ch. 11: Victory – Disarming the Powers, 238-255.
3. Submission in Marriage and Application:
 - a. Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology 2nd Ed., Ch. 22: Man as Male and Female, 592-595.
 - b. Lee Strobel, Surviving a Spiritual Mismatch in Marriage.
4. Working as a Christian in a Secular World:
 - a. Timothy Keller, Every Good Endeavor, Chs. 1-2: God's Design and Dignity of Work, 19-41.



GraceFirst Sermon Series Plans

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
12/1/24	Advent series - Luke 1:5-25	Pastor Tim
12/8/24	Advent series - Luke 1:26-38	Pastor Tim
12/15/24	Advent series - Luke 1:39-56	Pastor Ray Pew
12/22/24	Advent series - Luke 1:57-80	Pastor Jake
12/24/24	Candlelight Service, 6 pm	Pastor Tim
12/29/24	Taking the Gospel to the Nations	Pastor Frantz
1/5/2025	James 5:13-18, "Prayer of Faith"	Pastor Tim