

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

GraceFirst Worship Service  
12/1/24



Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Malachi 4

Offering

Hymns of Praise

*Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade kids participating in Children's Church dismissed*

Advent Reading - Rich Family

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Luke 1:5-25, "When Life Doesn't Go Your Way"

Communion

Doxology & Benediction

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13 (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

DEC

8 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

12 Children's Ministry Prayer Team

9 am † in the Library † Anyone is welcome to attend.

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

25 Church Office Closed for Christmas

29 NO Sunday School

**Next Sunday**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday School, 9:00 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Tim continues the  
Advent series*

## **Giving Report**

Nov. 24:	\$ 9,268
Last 4-wk avg:	\$ 15,386
'24 YTD Giving :	\$548,855

## **Our Elders**

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

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# **“When Life Doesn’t Go Your Way”**

## **Luke 1:5-25**

Pastor Tim Cho

Dec. 1, 2024

**Q: How should you respond when life doesn’t go the way you had hoped?**

**Big Idea: When you can’t believe how your life turned out, believe in the Lord who fulfills His perfect plan**

1. A righteous life doesn’t guarantee a prosperous life (vv. 5-7)
2. God’s plan has been thoroughly calculated (vv. 8-17)
3. Unbelief in the truth has consequences (vv. 18-23)
4. God’s promises will always be fulfilled (vv. 24-25)

## **Pray for our Church Family**

Charles McConnell  
Matt Collins's father  
Julie Goldberg's sister

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

### **Recommended Reading for December (All books listed are in the library):**

1. Christmas as a Holiday:
  - a. Alvin Schmidt, How Christianity Changed the World, Ch. 15: Additional Influence – Holidays, Words, Symbols, and Expressions, 374-386.
2. The Nature and the Person of Christ:
  - a. Gregg Allison, Historical Theology, Ch. 17: The Person of Jesus Christ, 365-388.
  - b. John Frame, Systematic Theology, Ch. 37: Incarnation and the Virginal Conception, 883, 889.
  - c. R. T. France, Tyndale NT Commentaries: Matthew, The Origin and Name of Jesus the Messiah, 81-85.
  - d. John Stott, the Cross of Christ, Ch. 6: The Self-Substitution of God - Who Is the Substitute, 149-162.
  - e. Lee Strobel, The Case for Christ, Ch. 9: The Profile Evidence – Mystery of the Incarnation, 158-164.

### **GraceFirst Sermon Series Plans**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Sermon</u></b>	<b><u>Preacher</u></b>
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
1/12/25	Intro to Book 1 of Psalms & Psalm 1	Pastor Tim