

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

GraceFirst Worship Service  
12/8/24



Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Missions Spotlight: Internat'l Christian Enterprise

Call to Worship: Isaiah 7:13-14

Offering

Hymns of Praise

Advent Reading - Tipton Family

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

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Luke 1:26-38, "When You Face the Impossible"

Hymn of Commission - #100

Benediction

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 Dominican Republic Trip Meeting**  
11:30 am

**DEC**

**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**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**"Gift" Exchange, 9:00 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Ray Pew continues the  
Advent series*

## **Giving Report**

Dec. 1:	\$ 8,107
Last 4-wk avg:	\$ 13,746
'24 YTD Giving :	\$549,854

## **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 You Face the Impossible”**

## **Luke 1:26-38**

Pastor Tim Cho

Dec. 8, 2024

**Q: How should you respond when you are faced with a seemingly impossible task from God?**

**Big Idea: Trust in the Lord who will guide you through the impossible; for nothing is impossible with God.**

### The Natural Impossibility of the Virgin Birth

1. The Virgin Conception
2. The Incarnation of the Pre-incarnate Son of God
3. A Sinless Messiah in the Womb of a Sinner

### The Divine Possibility Believed

## Pray for our Church Family

Charles McConnell  
McLaughlins  
Frantzes

**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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
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
1/19/25	Psalms 2, "God's Kingdom"	Pastor Jake