

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

GraceFirst Worship Service
12/22/24



Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Malachi 3:1-4

Offering

Hymns of Praise

Advent Reading - Mike & Marge Frantz

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

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Luke 1:57-80, "The Herald is Born"

Hymn of Commission - #120

Benediction

"God's love is an exercise of his goodness toward individual sinners whereby having identified himself with their welfare, he has given his Son to be their Savior, and now brings them to know and enjoy him in a covenant relation." – J.I. Packer, Knowing God.

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

24 Candlelight Service
6 pm

25 Church Closed in observance of Christmas

29 NO Sunday School

29 NO Children's Church (5th Sunday)

JAN

1 Church Closed in observance of New Year's Day

8 TeamKID and Youth Group resume meeting
6:30 pm

12 Concert of Prayer
6:00 pm

13 Ladies' Bible Study
9:30 am | In-person study: Colossians | Watch for more details.

14 Men's Lunch Out
11:30 am | Old Chicago, E. Kellogg

17 Dominican Republic Puzzle Fundraiser
More details to come.

19 Small Group Sunday

26 Youth Fundraiser Lunch

26 Business Meeting

Next Sunday

NO Sunday School

Worship, 10:15 am
NO Children's Church

*Pastor Mike Frantz shares a
message on evangelism*

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www.gracefirst.church

Giving Report

Dec. 15:	\$ 15,469
Last 4-wk avg:	\$ 19,000
'24 YTD Giving :	\$608,478

Our Elders

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

“The Herald is Born”

Luke 1:57-80

Pastor Jake Sizemore

Dec. 22, 2024

Pray for our Church Family

Charles McConnell
Matt Collins's father
Hilde Yops

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>
12/24/24	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	Psalm 2, "God's Kingdom"	Pastor Jake
1/26/25	Psalm 3, "When Your Enemies Rise..."	Pastor Tim
2/2/25	Psalm 13, "A Psalm of Enduring Faith"	Pastor Tim