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

GraceFirst Worship Service

1/5/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:1-9

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: James 5:13-18, "Effective Prayer of Faith"

Communion

Doxology & 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

JAN

- 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**

- 25 **Dinners for 8**
6:00 pm | Watch for sign ups as event gets closer.

- 26 **Youth Fundraiser Lunch**
11:30 am | Menu: TBD

- 26 **Business Meeting**
12:30 pm | We will be voting on the 2025 budget.

- 29 **Wednesday Night Live!**
6:30 pm | We will have an evening of praying for ministries and missionaries.

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

*Pastor Tim begins a series
on Psalms*

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www.gracefirst.church

Giving Report

Dec. 22:	\$ 17,019
Dec. 29	\$ 6,023
'24 YTD Giving :	\$639,627

Our Elders

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

“Effective Prayer of Faith”

James 5:13-15

Pastor Tim Cho

Jan. 5, 2025

Q: How should Christians respond to help with suffering resulting from sickness and sin?

Big Idea: Intercession through prayer of faith is the best intervention for restoration.

1. When to pray: Turn to God in all of life’s circumstances (v. 13)
2. How to pray: Pray boldly in faith with one another (vv. 14-16)
3. Why we pray: God responds to our prayers of faith (vv. 17-18)

Pray for our Church Family

Nancy McCollum and family
Ralph and Pauline Bubeck
Matt Collins's father
Jahansooz family

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>
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
2/9/25	Psalm 19, "God's Glory in Creation..."	Dale DeWerff
2/16/25	Psalm 22, "A Psalm of Suffering:"	Pastor Tim