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

GraceFirst Worship Service

1/12/25

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

"God intended prayer to bring the body together, so that when one-person falls ill, physically or spiritually, others in the community may intervene redemptively." – Craig Blomberg

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 Concert of Prayer
6:00 pm

JAN

- 13 Ladies' Bible Study**
9:30 am | In-person study: Colossians | Sign up in the Lobby.
- 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**
- 20 Ladies' Bible Study**
6:30 pm | By Zoom: Colossians | Sign up in the Lobby.
- 23 Men's Ministry**
6:30 pm | Why should a local church give attention to church planting or church revitalization?
- 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 Jake begins a series
on Psalms*

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www.gracefirst.church

Giving Report

Dec. 22:	\$ 16,944
Dec. 29-31:	\$ 14,683
'24 YTD Giving :	\$648,212

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. 12, 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
Jahansooz family

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

Recommended Reading for Jan - Feb (All books listed are in the library):

1. Trusting God through the Trials:
 - a. Kenneth Bailey, The Good Shepherd, Ch. 3: The Good Shepherd and Ezekiel 34, 79-95.
 - b. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship, Ch. 15: The Hiddenness of Prayer, 162-168.
 - c. Jerry Bridges, Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts, Ch. 10: Experiencing God's Love, 147-157.
 - d. C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity, Ch. 8: Is Christianity Hard or Easy, 168-172.
 - e. J. I. Packer, Knowing God, Ch. 21: These Inward Trials, 221-229.
 - f. Mark Vroegop, Dark Clouds Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament.
2. Commentaries on Psalms:
 - a. Motyer, Carson, France, New Bible Commentary.
 - b. Derek Kidner, Tyndale Old Testament Commentary.

GraceFirst Sermon Series Plans

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
1/19/25	Intro to Book 1 of Psalms & Psalm 1	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
2/23/25	Psalm 23, "The Royal Shepherd"	Pastor Tim