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

GraceFirst Worship Service

2/2/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:28-30

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: James 1:12-18

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Psalm 13, "When God is Silent"

Communion

Doxology/Benediction

"May His comforts cheer me in my sorrows, His strength sustain me in my trials, and His blessings revive me in my weariness." – A Puritan prayer from The Valley of Vision

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

FEB

7 Dominican Republic Fundraiser

6 pm | Puzzle challenge | Cost: \$10/pers. | Sign up in the Lobby.

11 Men's Lunch Out

11:30 am | Old Chicago, E. Kellogg

13 Men's Ministry

6:30 pm | What do missionaries do? Why is it important to support missionaries?

21-23 FOCUS Retreat

MS/HS at Wheat State Camp

25 Ladies' Lunch Out

11:30 am | IHOP (E. Kellogg, in front of Lowes)

27 Men's Ministry

6:30 pm | Should Christians be cremated? What does the Bible say about cremation?

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11 Men's Lunch Out

11:30 am | Old Chicago, E. Kellogg

13 Men's Ministry

6:30 pm | How do you honor God through secular work? What is the biblical view of work?

19 NO Wednesday activities—Spring Break

27 Men's Ministry

6:30 pm | How do we interpret difficult passages in the Bible?

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Dale DeWerff continues the series in Psalms

Giving Report

Jan. 26: \$ 19,273

YTD Giving: \$ 42,839

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 God is Silent”

Psalm 13

Pastor Tim Cho

Feb. 2, 2025

Q: How can you trust in God when He seems to be silent in your suffering?”

Big Idea: Heartfelt prayers of pain to God leads to a greater trust in God.

How then should we pray in our suffering?

1. Lament your pain of suffering to God (vv. 1-2)

2. Plead your desire for His comfort (vv. 3-4)

3. Endure through your personal walk with Christ (vv. 5-6)

Pray for our Church Family

Matt Collins
Mike and Marge Frantz
Buhler 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>
2/9/25	Psalms 19, "God's Glory in Creation...."	Dale DeWerff
2/16/25	Psalms 22, "A Psalm of Suffering:"	Pastor Tim
2/23/25	Exodus 3:1-15, I Am series	Pastor Tim
3/2/25	John 6:35, "I Am the Bread of Life"	Kevin Angell
3/9/25	Ps 23/Jn 10, "I Am the Good Shepherd"	Pastor Tim
3/16/25	John 8:12, "I Am the Light of the World"	Pastor Tim