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

GraceFirst Worship Service

2/16/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Missions Spotlight: Dr. Adam Keesling

Call to Worship: Psalm 22:1-11

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: Mark 15:22-39

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Psalm 22, "A Psalm of Suffering"

Hymn of Commission - #72

Benediction

"I have turned to that lonely, twisted, tortured figure on the cross, nails through hands and feet, plunged in Godforsaken darkness. That is the God for me! He laid aside his immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death. He suffered for us. Our sufferings become more manageable in the light of his." – John Stott, The Cross of Christ.

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

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?

MAR

9 **Membership Class (Pt 1)**
9 am | Come and learn more about our church. Attending the class doesn't commit you to join. | Contact: Pastor Tim

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?

16 **Membership Class (Pt 2)**

19 **NO Wednesday activities—Spring Break**

25 **Ladies' Lunch Out**
11:30 am | Livingston's in Andover, 360 S. Heritage Way, Ste 400

27 **Men's Ministry**
6:30 pm | How do we interpret difficult passages in the Bible? What are the key principles of interpreting the Bible?

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

*Pastor Tim begins new
I Am series*

Giving Report

Feb. 9:	\$ 15,012
4-wk avg:	\$ 12,088
YTD Giving:	\$ 63,111

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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“A Psalm of Suffering”

Psalm 22

Pastor Tim Cho

Feb. 16, 2025

Q: What is the purpose of suffering for Christians?

Big Idea: Suffering is a purposeful means God uses to grow our trust in God

1. Suffering for believers strengthens our bond with the crucified Christ (v. 1)
2. Suffering hardship leads to a greater reliance on God’s deliverance (vv. 3, 9, 19)
3. Suffering equips believers to minister to others who are suffering (v. 22-24)
4. Suffering begs for hope of eternal relief found only in Christ (vv. 25-31)

Pray for our Church Family

Merlyn TenClay
Tim Cho and family
Elder Nominating Committee

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>
2/23/25	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
3/23/25	John 10:1-14, "I Am the Gate"	Pastor Tim
3/30/25	John 11:25, "I Am the Resurrection..."	Pastor Tim