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

GraceFirst Worship Service

4/13/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Missions Spotlight—Behind the Walls recap/Brand 316

Call to Worship: Proverbs 3:1-12

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: John 15:1-11 "I AM the True Vine"

Hymn of Commission - #385

Benediction

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

– John 15:5

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

APR

17 Maundy Thursday Service

6 pm | We will celebrate communion.

19 Fellowship Dinners (formerly Dinners for 8)

6 pm | Sign up in the Lobby.

20 All-church Breakfast Potluck

9 am | Each family bring a dish that feeds at least 10 people.

21 Church Office Closed

22 Ladies' Lunch Out

11:30 am | Mediterranean Grill, 335 S. Towne East Mall Dr.

24 Men's Ministry

6:30 pm | Why does Christian doctrine matter to ordinary believers? (summary of the lessons from EFCA doctrines)

26- Dominican Republic Missions Trip

MAY 3

26 Church Work Day

8:30 am - Noon | Sign up in the Lobby.

27 Youth Fundraiser Lunch

11:30 am | Menu: rice bowls

27 Business Meeting

12:30 pm | Members will be voting on the two new elders

MAY

4 No Sunday School

VBS • June 2-6

Volunteer registration is now open for VBS. To register as a volunteer, go to www.myvbs.org/GraceFirstChurch. The sooner you register, the better. If you have any questions about volunteering, contact Amy Kusmaul. Registration for kids will open in May.

Next Sunday - Easter

All-Church Breakfast, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

*Pastor Tim will preach the
Easter message*

Giving Report

Apr. 6	\$ 13,829
4-wk avg:	\$ 12,729
YTD Giving:	\$147,798

Our Elders

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

Visit our website

www.gracefirst.church

“I AM the True Vine”

John 15:1-11

Pastor Jordan Krahn April 13, 2025

Q: How do Christians change? How can we bear fruit?

Jesus addresses change or fruit in three parts:

1. Call to remain in Christ and be pruned

2. Fruit of remaining

3. Means of remaining

Pray for our Church Family

Janelle Rich's mom
Shah Pulatov's mom
Buhlers' son & DIL

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

Recommended Reading for Mar - Apr (All books listed are in the library):

1. The Person of Jesus and His Work:
 - a. Gregg Allison, Historical Theology, Ch. 10: The Character of God, 210-230.
 - b. John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad, Ch. 4: The Supremacy of Christ, 105-130.
 - c. R.C. Sproul, Renewing Your Mind, Ch. 5: The Man Who Is the Issue, 75-96.
2. Personal Response to Christ:
 - a. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together, Ch. 3: The Day Alone, 76-89.
 - b. John Frame, Systematic Theology, Ch. 52: How Then Shall We Live, 1101, 1113.
 - c. John Stott, Christ the Controversialist, Ch. 6: Worship – Lips or Heart, 60-172.
 - d. A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God, Ch. 8-9: Restoring the Creator-Creature Relation, and Meekness and Rest, 93-110.

GraceFirst Sermon Plans

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
4/17/25	Maundy Thursday Service	Pastor Tim
4/20/25	John 21, "He is Risen"	Pastor Tim
4/27/25	Gen. 37, "Jacob's Account thru Joseph"	Pastor Tim
5/4/25	Combined Worship @ Genesis	Pastor Abdel
5/11/25	Gen. 39, "Joseph in Potiphar's House"	Pastor Andrus
5/18/25	Gen. 40, "Joseph the Prisoner"	Pastor Tim