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

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## GraceFirst Worship Service

8/3/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Offering

Hymns of Praise

*Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade kids participating in Children's Church dismissed*

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:1-2, "The Message of Grace and Peace"

Communion

Doxology & Benediction

"God's choosing means that he will act to make these Gentiles his own. To belong to God they must be redeemed from their sin and washed from its stain. They must be made holy as God is holy." – Edmund Clowney

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

AUG

6 & NO Youth Group

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10 Sunday School Resumes

12 Men's Lunch Out

11:30 am | Old Chicago (E. Kellogg, Towne East parking lot)

16 Adults w/ Special Needs Event

3 - 6 pm | here at GraceFirst

17 "Invite a Friend" Sunday & Potluck lunch

Invite a friend to church and ask them to join us after service for a potluck lunch. Chicken will be provided. **We need someone to coordinate the lunch. See Erin if you're willing.**

17 & Membership Class

24 9:00 am | This is a great way to learn more about our church. Attending the class doesn't obligate you to join. | If interested, contact Pastor Tim.

26 Ladies' Lunch Out

11:30 am | Applebee's, Andover Rd/Kellogg

31 NO Children's Church (5th Sunday)

31 Concert of Prayer

6 pm

SEP

1 Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day

5-7 Family Camp

Sign ups begin soon.

## Next Sunday

Sunday School resumes, 9 am

Worship, 10:15 am

*Pastor Tim continues the series on 1 Peter.*

## Giving Report

July 27:	\$ 7,188
4-wk avg:	\$ 13,383
YTD Giving:	\$ 343,683

## Our Elders

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

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# **“The Message of Grace and Peace”**

## **1 Peter 1:1-2**

Pastor Tim Cho

August 3, 2025

**Q: How and why did God save sinners to be made His people?**

**Big Idea: Sinners saved by the Triune God will represent Him through grace and peace**

The How

1. The Father has chosen
2. The Son has purchased
3. The Spirit is sanctifying

The Why

1. So we would be foreign ambassadors on earth
2. So we would live to the fullest measure of grace and peace

## Pray for our Church Family

Mark Goldberg  
Shah and Zulfiia

For families who have lost love ones

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

### **Recommended Reading for Aug - Nov (All books listed are in the library):**

1. Themes of Peter's Epistles:
  - a. John Frame, Systematic Theology, Ch. 43: Sanctification, 983-997.
  - b. Alvin Schmidt, How Christianity Changed the World, Ch. 10: Liberty and Justice for All, 248-271.
  - c. John Stott, the Cross of Christ, Ch. 7: The Salvation of Sinners, 165-199.
  - d. A. W. Tozer, The Knowledge of the Holy, Chs. 20-21: The Love of God and the Holiness of God, 104-114.
2. On Pacifism and Just War
  - a. R. T. France, Matthew – Tyndale NT Commentaries, 130-131.
  - b. C. S. Lewis, The Weight of Glory, Ch. 4: Why I am Not a Pacifist, 64-90.
  - c. Wayne Grudem, Christian Ethics, Ch. 19: War, 520-544.
  - d. Scott B. Rae, Moral Choices: An Introduction to Ethics 4<sup>th</sup> Ed., Ch. 10: War, Violence, and Morality, 288-313.
  - e. John Stott, The Message of the Sermon on the Mount, Ch. 7: Christian Righteousness: Non-retaliation and Active Love, 84-95.
  - f. Bruce Shelley, Church History in Plain Language 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Ch. 14: The Sage of the Ages, Augustine of Hippo, 159-167

### **GraceFirst Sermon Plans**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
8/10/25	1 Peter 1:3-12, "The Things Angels Envy..."	Pastor Tim
8/17/25	"Is There a Just Cause for War?"	Pastor Tim
8/24/25	1 Peter 1:13-16, "Be Prepared in Holiness"	Pastor Jake
8/31/25	1 Peter 1:17-21, "Redeemed in the Blood..."	Pastor Tim
9/7/25	1 Peter 1:22-2:3, "Born Again to..."	Pastor Tim
9/14/25	1 Peter 2:4-10, "Living Stones of Priests"	Pastor Tim