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

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## GraceFirst Worship Service

8/10/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Local Missions Spotlight: Isaac Rich

Call to Worship: Psalm 99

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: John 17:1-12

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:3-12, "Truths That Blow the Minds of Angels"

Hymn of Commission - #40

Benediction

"Faith is not in itself a meritorious act; the merit is in the One toward whom it is directed. Faith is a redirecting of our sight, a getting out of the focus of our own vision and getting God into focus. Faith looks out instead of in and the whole life falls into line." – A.W. Tozer

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

- 12 **Men's Lunch Out**  
11:30 am | Old Chicago (E. Kellogg, Towne East parking lot)
- 13 **NO Youth Group**
- 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 still need people to help with this. 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 up in the Lobby.
- 7 **NO Sunday School**

### Next Sunday

**Sunday School, 9 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Tim shares a message  
re just cause for war*

Visit our website

[www.gracefirst.church](http://www.gracefirst.church)

### Giving Report

Aug 3:	\$ 16,525
4-wk avg:	\$ 12,263
YTD Giving:	\$ 360,458

### Our Elders

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

# **“Truths That Blow the Minds of Angels”**

## **1 Peter 1:3-12**

Pastor Tim Cho

August 10, 2025

**Q: What are some things God has done that amaze the angels with wonder?**

**BI: Sinners' salvation for Christ's glory is the greatest marvel in the universe.**

The angels marvel at how -

1. God has caused sinners to be born again into a living hope in Christ (v. 3-4)
2. God refines our faith through our trials for the purpose of glory (v. 5-9)
3. God's Word in the Bible was established for your salvation (vv. 10-12)

## Pray for our Church Family

Mark Goldberg  
Rhonda TenClay's BIL  
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>
8/17/25	"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
9/21/25	1 Pet. 2: 11-20, "Kingdom Citizenship..."	Pastor Tim