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## GraceFirst Worship Service

9/7/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 34:8-14

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3, "Born Again for Love"

Communion

Doxology & Benediction

"Religion says, "If I obey, God will love me." The gospel says, "Because God loves me, I will obey." Genuine faith brings change in behavior. That is, when someone obeys the gospel, it creates sincere love for your brothers from the heart. Love is a result of conversion, since believers become members of God's loving family." – Daniel Doriani

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

SEP

**9 Men's Lunch Out**

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

**11 Men's Ministry**

6:30 pm | Theology of covering and its implication.

**14 Special Business Meeting**

11:35 am | Purpose: to vote on Marlin Penner's nomination to be an elder. Only members can vote.

**15 Ladies' Bible Study**

9:30 am | In-person | Kay Arthur's flexible inductive study of Ephesians | Cost of book: \$20 | Sign up in the Lobby

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**23 Women's Dinner**

6:00 pm | Menu: Curry chicken and rice, Asian salad, dessert. | Speaker: Sarah Roberts, missionary to Japan | Cost: \$5

**25 Men's Ministry**

6:30 pm | What is the biblical view of immigration and caring for immigrants?

**28 Kids' Bible Reading Party**

11:35 am | This is for students who finished their Bible reading challenge this summer. | Contact Amy K. with questions.

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday School, 9:00 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Tim continues  
the series on 1 Peter.*

**Special Business Mtg, 11:35 am**

**Giving Report**

Aug 31:	\$ 5,317
4-wk avg:	\$ 10,121
YTD Giving:	\$ 400,941

**Our Elders**

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

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# **“Born Again for Love”**

## **1 Peter 1:22-2:3**

Pastor Tim Cho

Sept. 7, 2025

**Q: What is a practical aspect of holiness that believers must show?**

**Big Idea: Love one another deeply as Christ loved you sacrificially**

How can we love one another sacrificially?

1. Sacrificial love is possible through our imperishable regeneration (vv. 22-23)
2. Sacrificial love is learned through God’s timeless Word (vv. 23-25)
3. Sacrificial love puts away all evil to desire God’s Word for sanctification (vv. 1-2)

## Elder Nominee Bio



Over the last six decades God has allowed me the privilege of serving Him as a husband to my dear wife, Jan, Father of three daughters, Grandfather of twelve, and as a businessman. During that entire time He has also given me the opportunity to serve His Church family, as a founding member, a Bible teacher, discipler of young men, a Church Leader, Small Group leader and Elder. God extended His grace to me by allowing me to be raised in a Christian home, accepting Jesus as my Savior at an early age, and learning to walk with Him daily. As the name of our Church indicates, Jan and I were saved by Grace, First, and then given the opportunity to serve Him in many ways by extending care and Hospitality to others in God's Family. The opportunity to serve Him as an Elder is not to be taken lightly and I pray that He will give me the grace to serve Him faithfully. Considering that, I humbly accept the opportunity to serve again as an Elder at GraceFirst Church. —*Marlin K. Penner*

## Pray for our Church Family

Mark Goldberg  
Shah and Zulfiia

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

## GraceFirst Sermon Plans

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
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
9/28/25	1 Pet. 2:21-25, "Suffering as Servants..."	Kevin Angell
10/5/25	1 Pet. 3:1-12, "Displaying Christ's Humility..."	Pastor Tim
10/12/25	1 Pet. 3:13-22, "Victory in Christ"	Pastor Tim
10/19/25	1 Pet. 4:1-6, "Saying No to Sin & Yes..."	Pastor Tim
10/26/25	1 Pet. 4:7-11, "Living Out the Love..."	Dr. Jahansooz
11/2/25	1 Peter 4:12-19, "Got Pain, No Shame"	Pastor Tim
11/9/25	1 Peter 5:1-5, "Dear Elders..."	Pastor Tim
11/16/25	1 Peter 5:6-14, "How to Defeat ...Lion"	Pastor Tim