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

GraceFirst Worship Service

9/14/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Ministry Spotlight: Care Ministry Team

Call to Worship: Psalm 118:19-29

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: Hebrews 6:19-7:10

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 2:4-10, "Living Stones of Priests"

Hymn of Commission - #248

Benediction

"Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night; thine eye diffused a quickening ray – I woke, the dungeon flamed with light. My chains fell off my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee." – Charles Wesley Hymn "And Can It Be"

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

TODAY Special Business Meeting

14 11:35 am | Purpose: to vote on Marlin Penner's nomination (see bio on back page) to be an elder. Only members can vote.

SEP

15 Ladies' Bible Study

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

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20 Adults w/ Special Needs Event

3-6 pm | at Holy Cross Lutheran Church

23 Women's Dinner

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

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.

30 Ladies' Lunch Out

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

Pastor Tim continues the series on 1 Peter.

Giving Report

Sept 7:	\$ 9,846
4-wk avg:	\$ 10,694
YTD Giving:	\$ 410,787

Our Elders

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

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“Living Stones of Priests”

1 Peter 2:4-10

Pastor Tim Cho

Sept. 14, 2025

Q: What is your new identity in Christ?

Big Idea: You are a royal priesthood of living stones, chosen for God’s holy temple

- I. The Identity of Christ Our Savior (vv. 4, 6)
 - A. The Choice Living Stone
 - B. Precious in God’s Sight
 - C. Rejected Stone of Offense
- II. The Tragic Result of the Disobedient (vv. 7b -8)
- III. The New Identity of the Obedient (vv. 5, 7a, 9-10)
 - A. Living Stones of His Holy Temple
 - B. Chosen Race
 - C. Royal Priesthood
 - D. Holy Nation
 - E. Out of Darkness into the Light
 - F. God’s Own People
 - G. Received God’s Mercy

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>
9/21/25	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
11/23/25	Philippians 1:3-8, "Give Thanks to God"	Pastor Andrus