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

GraceFirst Worship Service
10/12/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Ministry Spotlight: Small Groups

Call to Worship: Psalm 42

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: Genesis 6:9-22

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 3:13-22, "Suffering for Christ"

Hymn of Commission - #224

Benediction

"For the Christian, the fear of death has been removed by Christ's resurrection. We no longer share the dread that shadows mortal life. Our courage before those who persecute us is born of hope in the Lord as well as fear of the Lord. Our hope provides both the courage for our witness and the content of our witness. Our hope is in our risen Lord." – 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

OCT

14 Men's Lunch Out

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

19 Combined Worship Service w/ Genesis

10:15 am | Genesis will join us for the service | Following the service... ↓

19 Fellowship Lunch

11:40 am | GF will provide hot dogs, buns, chips, baked beans, and drinks | Genesis will bring desserts.

23 Men's Group

6:30 pm | How should parents provide Christian education to their children? Options? Pros and cons?

26 Youth Fundraiser Lunch

11:35 am | Menu: Spaghetti

26 Business Meeting

12:30 pm | Everyone is welcome to attend.

28 Ladies' Lunch Out

11:30 am | Jose Peppers, 13th/K-96

29 Fall Festival

6 - 8 pm | There will be games, live music, food, and fellowship | Sign up in the Lobby to serve where needed or provide items. | Contact: Brandon and Lacy Nemecek

Nov

2 Middle School Lunch Out

11:40 am

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Combined Worship, 10:15 am

Pastor Tim continues the series on 1 Peter.

Visit our website

www.gracefirst.church

Giving Report

Oct 5:	\$ 13,708
4-wk avg:	\$ 11,121
YTD Giving:	\$ 455,270

Our Elders

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

“Suffering for Christ”

1 Peter 3:13-22

Pastor Tim Cho

Oct. 12, 2025

Q: How can we find comfort when we suffer for doing what is right?

Big Idea: Remember that Christ unjustly suffered for you when you suffer unjustly for Christ.

The 3 Examples of People Who Experienced Unjust Suffering

1. The Suffering of the Church (vv. 13-17)

2. The Suffering of Christ (vv. 18-22)

3. The Suffering of Noah (v. 20)

Pray for our Church Family

Dalene Plank
Mary Werner
Rachel Balocca

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 4th 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 5th 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>
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