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

GraceFirst Worship Service

11/2/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Missions Spotlight: Intnat'l Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church

Call to Worship: Psalm 91

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: Luke 9:18-26

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 4:12-19, "Got Pain, No Shame"

Communion

Doxology & Benediction

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it." - Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)

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 Middle School Lunch Out

11:40 am | Blaze Pizza | Cost: \$12-15

Nov

8 Youth Guys' BBQ

11 am—1 pm | Here at the church

9 & 16 Membership Class

9 am | See Pastor Tim if interested in attending.

9 High School Lunch Out

11:40 am

13 Men's Group

6:30 pm | What does it mean to be a man according to the Bible?
What are some key responsibilities of a man?

15 Adults w/ Special Needs event

3 - 6 pm | @ Hope Community in Andover

16 All-church Thanksgiving Dinner

5:30 pm | The church will provide turkey and tri-tips, rolls, green beans and drinks. Each family is asked to bring a salad, a couple of pies, or potatoes, enough to feed 10 people. | Cost: \$3/person for adults and youth, \$2 for grade schoolers, and free to kids 4 and under. | Sign up in the Lobby. | Contact: Becka J.

23 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due

26 No Wednesday evening activities

27 Church office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

30 NO Children's Church - 5th Sunday

Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 am

Worship, 10:15 am

*Pastor Tim continues
the series on 1 Peter.*

Giving Report

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| Oct. 26: | \$ 12,071 |
| 4-wk avg: | \$ 13,047 |
| YTD Giving: | \$ 494,281 |

Our Elders

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

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“Got Pain, No Shame”

1 Peter 4:12-19

Pastor Tim Cho

Nov. 2, 2025

Q: What is the purpose of Christian suffering?

Big Idea: Our shared experience of suffering with Christ, will only bring us closer to Christ.

The Purpose of Christian Suffering:

1. Christian suffering is a fiery test intended to make you more mature (v. 12)
2. Your shared suffering with Christ leads to a deeper connection (vv. 13-14)
3. The temporary shame of our suffering is worth the eternal glory (v. 15-16)
4. Our suffering in Christ is the standard of judgment for the world (vv. 17-18)

Application

- Entrust your suffering soul to the faithful Creator who uses your suffering to draw near to you (v. 19)

Pray for our Church Family

Glenn Rappard
Micki Davis
Mark Goldberg

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> |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| 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 |
| 11/30/25 | Hebrews 1:2-3, "The Word Revealed" | Pastor Tim |
| 12/7/25 | Philippians 2:5-8, "Humility Displayed" | Pastor Tim |
| 12/14/25 | Galatians 4:4-7, "Sinners Adopted" | Pastor Tim |