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

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## GraceFirst Worship Service

11/9/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Missions Spotlight: Internat'l Students, Inc.

Call to Worship: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 5:1-6, "Dear Elders"

Hymn of Commission - #344

Benediction

"The principal work of a minister is to feed the sheep through preaching and teaching. The greatest service your pastor can do for you is to feed you, not with his opinion but with the Word of God." – R. C. Sproul

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 High School Lunch Out  
11:40 am

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**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 Membership Class (Pt. 2)**

9 am | See Pastor Tim if interested in attending.

**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**

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**9 Men's Lunch Out**

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

**9 Women's Christmas Dinner**

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday School, 9:00 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Tim continues  
the series on 1 Peter.*

**Giving Report**

Nov. 9:	\$ 6,946
4-wk avg:	\$ 11,419
YTD Giving:	\$ 493,151

**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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**“Dear Elders”**

**1 Peter 5:1-6**

Pastor Tim Cho

Nov. 9, 2025

**Q: What is the primary function of Elders in the local church?**

**Big Idea: Elders humbly shepherd the Lord’s entrusted flock.**

1. The Role Given (vv. 1-2)
2. The Responsibility Described (vv. 2-3)
3. The Result of Service (vv. 4-5)
4. The Response of the Flock (vv. 5-6)

## **Pray for our Church Family**

Shah & Zulfiia Pulatov  
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 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**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Sermon</u></b>	<b><u>Preacher</u></b>
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
12/21/25	Titus 2:11-14, "God's Love Given"	Pastor Tim