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

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GraceFirst Worship Service  
11/16/25

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 63

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture: John 14:23-31

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: 1 Peter 5:6-14, "The Two Supporters and One Accuser"

Hymn of Commission

Benediction

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" – Romans 8:31

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 All-church Thanksgiving Dinner—PLEASE PAY THIS MORNING!**  
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.

## Nov

- 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

## DEC

- 9 Men's Lunch Out  
11:30 am | Old Chicago, E. Kellogg (Towne East parking lot)
- 9 Women's Christmas Dinner
- 11 Men's Ministry  
6:30 pm | fellowship bowling at Round 1, Towne East Square
- 13 Adults w/ Special Needs event  
3-6 pm | here @ GraceFirst
- 14 Christmas Gift Exchange  
9 am | Share your gift of music, a special poem, reading or skit, *as long as it pertains to Christmas and most importantly honors Christ.* | You're also invited to share gifts of paintings, drawings, quilts, or something you've created. We will set up the displays in the Lobby.

### Next Sunday

**Sunday School, 9:00 am**

**Worship, 10:15 am**

*Pastor Mike Andrus shares  
from Philippians*

**Visit our website**

[www.gracefirst.church](http://www.gracefirst.church)

### Giving Report

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| Nov. 9:     | \$ 9,571   |
| 4-wk avg:   | \$ 10,508  |
| YTD Giving: | \$ 502,722 |

### Our Elders

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



## **Pray for our Church Family**

Mandy Morrow  
Shah & Zulfiia Pulatov  
Mark Goldberg

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

### **Recommended Reading for Nov '25-Jan'26 (All books listed are in the library):**

1. Jesus the Man, the Messiah, and the Mission:
  - a. Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Ch. 26: The Person of Christ, 663-700.
  - b. Donald MacLeod, Christ Crucified: Understanding the Atonement, Ch. 4: Substitution – the Man for Others, 79-100.
  - c. J. I. Packer, Knowing God, Ch. 18: The Heart of the Gospel, 161-180.
  - d. John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad, Ch. 1: The Supremacy of God in Missions Through Worship, 3-32.
  - e. Alvin Schmidt, How Christianity Changed the World, Ch. 15: Additional Influence – Holidays, Words, Symbols, and Expressions, 374-402.
  - f. Lee Strobel, The Case for Christ, Ch. 10-11: The Fingerprint Evidence and the Evidence of the Missing Body, 171-204.



### **GraceFirst Sermon Plans**

| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Sermon</u></b>                    | <b><u>Preacher</u></b> |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| 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             |
| 12/28/25           | Preacher's Choice                       | Pastor Jake            |