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

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## GraceFirst Worship Service

Preparation for Worship

Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1-6

Offering

Hymns of Praise

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

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-14

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: Acts 4:1-12, "Expectations with Gospel Proclamation"

Hymn of Commission - #115

Benediction

"Persecution or opposition is a mark of every true Christian preacher. Christian preachers who refuse to distort or dilute the gospel of grace have had to suffer for their faithfulness. The good news of Christ crucified is still a 'scandal', grievously offensive to the pride of men." – John Stott

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

DEC

31 No Wednesday evening activities

JAN

1 Church Office closed in observance of New Year's Day

10 Annex Clean Up Work Day

9:00 am | Watch for more details

11 Dominican Republic Trip Meeting

11:35 am

11 Concert of Prayer

6 pm

13 Men's Lunch Out

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

16 Pitchfest

6:00 pm | Dinner is potluck and bring a white elephant gift.

18 Message Sign Meeting

11:35 am | See Jake if you would like to help with our message sign.

25 Youth Fundraiser Lunch

11:30 am | Menu: TBD

25 Business Meeting

12:30 pm | All are welcome to attend. Members will be voting on the 2026 budget.

## Next Sunday

Sunday School, 9 am

Worship/Communion, 10:15 am

*Pastor Jake will be preaching.*

## Giving Report

Dec. 21:	\$ 6,805
4-wk avg:	\$ 14,793
YTD Giving:	\$ 595,592
'25 Budget:	\$ 669,834

## 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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**“Expectations with Gospel Proclamation”**  
**Acts 4:1-12**

Jason McCollum

Dec. 28, 2025

### **Pray for our Church Family**

- Daniel Kusmaul
- Dawn Pilcher family
- Those who've lost love ones this year

**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>Date</b>	<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Preacher</b>
1/4/2026	Acts 4:13-21, "The Necessity..."	Pastor Jake
1/11/26	Jeremiah 1:1-3, "The Prophet's Call"	Pastor Tim
1/18/26	Jer. 2:1-4:4, "Turn, Turn, Turn"	Pastor Tim
1/25/26	Jer. 7, "Faith in All the Wrong Places"	Pastor Tim