

**TO KNOW CHRIST AND
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**



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*NOW IN FLESH
APPEARING*



WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit graceinracine.com/connectcard or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



Masks are optional. Let's continue to be kind and respectful of one another at this stage of the pandemic. It's our prayer that we will be known as a church that displays Christ in how we interact with one another. You are welcome to wear a mask, and we have masks available at the information booth if you need one.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAISE

Welcome
Call To Worship
["Hark The Herald Angels Sing"](#)
["Sing We The Song of Emmanuel"](#)

Pastor Ryan Boyer
[John 1:1-3](#)

RENEWAL

Advent Reading: Durbin Family PEACE Candle -- [Luke 2:12-14](#)
["O Come All Ye Faithful \(His Name Shall Be\)"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word: [Genesis 32:22-32](#) Amos Beernink
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Communion
["O Praise The Name \(Anastasis\)"](#)
Benediction Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

[CELEBRATE RECOVERY \(CR\)](#) Meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Loft. CR is a safe place to find support if you are struggling with a difficult season of life. CR is not just for addicts; it is for all of us who need to go deeper in Christ when life gets hard. Don't struggle alone - please join us for hope and encouragement every Tuesday evening.
Contact Jim Olson: jolson@graceinracine.com // 262.977.6531

CARD SHOWER FOR JIM OLSON

Jim Olson, Grace's Care Minister, is retiring at the end of December after many faithful years of ministry. As he moves onto this next chapter, we want to bless him by encouraging him with cards detailing how he has cared for you and made an impact on your life as well as prayers for his future. You can send your cards directly to the church by addressing them to: Jim Olson Card Shower.

CARING FOR OUR GRACE CHURCH FAMILY

If your family is experiencing financial challenges and would be blessed by assistance with your Christmas dinner, fill out a Connection Card found in the seat back in front of you. Be sure to write "Christmas" and your name, address and phone number on the card and drop it in the offering plate.

Contact the office and ask for the Grace Church Benevolence Ministry, 262-632-2111 or lnewlun@graceinracine.com with questions.

Brandon and Tammy Evaska along with the Russ Tolnai- family wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Grace Church family for coming around us and supporting us following the passing of Tammy's father. To all of the many wonderful people who served behind the scenes at the funeral, to our incredible funeral team, to our amazing Worship Arts & TechTeam, and to the administrative support staff, we thank each and every one of you for your help. And to Pastor Mike who performed a service that honored God and the life Tammy's father lived we offer praise and thanks.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, NOV 28, 2021

Sanctuary Attendance: 455
Livestream Attendance: 61
Giving: \$50,311

2021 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,414,055
+/- Budget: \$-19,942

Advent Resources
On Sale—Now through December 5th

<p>For Your Unbelieving Friends and Neighbors</p>  <p>Sale Price \$2</p>	<p>Follow Along with our Church Advent Readings</p>  <p>Sale Price \$10</p>	<p>For Your Personal Devotional Reading</p>  <p>Sale Price \$12</p>
<p>For the Whole Family to Use Together</p>  <p>Sale Price \$9</p>	<p>For the Little One in Your Home</p>  <p>Sale Price \$10</p>	<p>Novel Version for Older Kids, Teens, and Families</p>  <p>Sale Price \$10</p>

Visit the Grace Church Bookstall on Sundays!



WORSHIPPERS IN TRAINING QUESTIONS

Parents – here are two questions to ask your child this week about their time in Worshippers in Training! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. Ask your child “What is a blessing?” Talk about the blessing that was given to Jacob.
2. Spend some time in prayer alongside your child this week, and ask for God to bless your child by name.

THE WEEKLY

[Get our weekly happenings in your email.](#)

The Weekly is a list of all the things happening at Grace for that upcoming week. It will remind you of events you need to attend, and it will also help you to see all that God is doing through the various ministries at Grace. *The Weekly* will arrive in your email box on Thursdays. Signed up but haven't seen it? Check your SPAM folder.



To be added to the email list, simply scan the QR code or head over to our website where you'll find a button to provide us with your email address.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, December 11, 8:00am

Speaker: Chris Amundson

Topic: "Does God Personally Speak to Me?"

RSVP by scanning the QR code, or visit graceinracine.com



SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP

Join a team going to serve with Craig and Brenda Rebro in South Africa summer 2022. Know Christ more as you experience Him in a different culture, and Make Christ Known by discipling teens at a youth camp, visiting and loving on caregivers, vulnerable children, and widows in local communities. Learn more at an informational meeting on January 9 after service in room A18. Contact Sheri Kobriger for more information: slkobriger@gmail.com.

PERSPECTIVES COURSE

Tuesdays at Grace Church from 6pm – 8:30pm beginning on January 25

What is Perspectives?

Perspectives is a fifteen-week discipleship course that will expand your understanding of how God is at work around the globe and what role you are to play. Instructors from around the world—including missionaries, professors, and pastors—will come to expand your understanding of God's redemptive plan for the world.

Why Perspectives is for You

This course is great for anyone who wants to invest their lives in God's kingdom for God's glory. It will challenge you to find your role in God's redemptive plan for the world.

How to Register

Scan the QR code below to register. The cost of the class is \$220. Early bird discounts are available until December 19. Scholarships are available upon request; family discounts are also available.



Contact Joe Kobriger (jobriger@gmail.com; 262-939-5152) with questions.

SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

Christmas brings with it a sense of wonder and magic. Seeing the faces of children light up at the various marvels of the season. The anticipation of maybe getting the long-desired present. The hope that the holidays will bring healing to a dire situation. For whatever reason, these all seem more likely to come true at Christmas. The question we must wrestle with is this: from where is our faith in Christmas “magic” coming? Does your sense of wonder come only from this season—or does it come from the true reason for the season?

Discussion Questions

1. How would you rate yourself in regards to Christmas (on a scale from Scrooge to Santa)? What are your favorite things about the Christmas season? To what extent do you sense a greater sense of wonder and magic at Christmas? Where do you think that comes from?
2. Jacob, in the face of fear, finds himself all alone (vs. 22-24a). Why do you think Jacob sent all his family and possessions away from himself? How different is it to face your fears alone than with the support of others? Why does being alone often heighten our fears?
3. Jacob wrestles with God and receives a blessing (vs. 24b-29). What is your immediate reaction to this passage? In what ways have you yourself wrestled with God? To what extent can you identify with Jacob’s clinging to God until he received a blessing?
4. Jacob leaves with a limp (vs. 30-31). What do you think is the significance of Jacob limping away from his meeting with God? Has your own wrestling with God left you with a limp? How does your limp affect your ongoing relationship with God?
5. The self-understanding of Jacob’s people (vs. 32). How can we rightly celebrate the significance of God’s coming into this world? What would it look like for our sense of Christmas wonder stem from this miraculous event? How can we keep it all year long?

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

[Genesis 32:22-32](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON
NOTES

AT THE FACE OF GOD

NEXT WEEK

Exodus 33:18-34:9