

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



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*1 Peter*

# 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](http://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  
["A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"](#)  
["Christ Forever"](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson  
[Psalm 62:5-8](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal  
["It Is Well"](#)

Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

[1 Peter 4:12-19](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["The Lord Is My Salvation"](#)  
Benediction

Matthew Lautz

# CARE MINISTRY

*Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Toby & Wendy Mueller and family on the passing of Toby's father, Martin "Butch" Mueller.*

## ANNUAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This year our Thanksgiving Offering will be designated to Safe Families of Racine. This offering is taken in addition to our regular offering. Please write 'Thanksgiving' on your offering envelope.

To give using Realm:

1. Log into your Realm account (don't have a Realm account? Visit [graceinracine.com/realm](http://graceinracine.com/realm) to set one up)
2. On the left menu, select "Community"
3. Select "Giving"
4. On the "Giving" page, select the blue box with +Give
5. From this point, you indicate the amount and THANKSGIVING fund
6. Select "Continue" and then you will be prompted to enter bank information

### CARING FOR OUR GRACE CHURCH FAMILY

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

If you have questions, contact the office and ask for the Grace Church Benevolence Ministry, 262-632-2111 or email [jcarls@graceinracine.com](mailto:jcarls@graceinracine.com)

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

SUNDAY, NOV 7, 2021

Sanctuary Attendance: 436  
Livestream Attendance: 85  
Giving: \$21,380

2021 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,321,335  
+/- Budget: \$-19,263

# MAKING CHRIST KNOWN: LOCALLY

This holiday season, you have the opportunity to bless people locally in the city of Racine. Here's how:

## Harvest Outreach Food Pantry

Drop off food items on Sunday, November 21st

Requested Items:

- Gravy (NO Glass jars – cans, packages, or plastic jars please)
- Boxed potatoes (flakes, au gratin, etc.)
- Canned corn, yams, green beans, and cranberry sauce
- Canned fruit
- Pie kits (include a fruit, a Jiffy pie crust mix, and if pumpkin, include a carnation evaporated milk)
- Jello/Pudding boxed mixes
- Christmas candies

## Julian Thomas Elementary School

Drop off items on Sunday, November 21, or scan the QR code and shop the Amazon list.



- Individually wrapped/package snacks
- Microwaveable food (we send some of our students home with food for the weekend)
- Pull-on sweatpants or leggings
- Crewneck or hoodie sweatshirts
- Socks
- Underwear
- Long & short-sleeved t-shirts
- Winter hats
- Insulated winter gloves or mittens
- School supplies (pencils, crayons, paper, glue sticks, etc...)
- ChapStick
- Body Lotion
- Kleenex
- Laundry detergent

Suggested sizes: Child through smaller adult (for kindergarten – 5th graders)

Clothing items in navy, blue, grey, black colors.

# GRACE HAPPENINGS

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

### GATHERING

Sunday, November 21, 6pm

We will have a time of celebration, a time of thanksgiving, and a time of remembrance.



We have so much for which to be thankful. The Lord has blessed us in countless ways. We gather to remember His goodness to us and to pray our thanksgiving to our Savior. Stay after for fellowship & pie (provided by us)!

## WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING

Children in 1st-3rd grades are welcome to participate in “Worshippers in Training” (WIT). Worshippers in Training follows along with the same passage of Scripture that is being taught by the pastor in the sanctuary, but at a more age-appropriate level. Children participating in WIT will be dismissed from the service before the Scripture reading and can meet their teachers in the foyer area before being led to the classroom.

## WORSHIPERS 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. What is the “prize” that we should keep our hearts set upon, even when things are hard for us now?
2. What is something that is happening in your life right now that makes it hard to trust that God’s way is best? Spend some time praying together about this and ask for God to encourage and strengthen your child in these circumstances.

## 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.

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.



## 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.

Suffering is a key element in the Christian life. Peter has repeatedly made this clear throughout this letter. To share in Christ's suffering is the life to which we are called as we keep our hope fully set on Christ, awaiting his glorious return. Peter, however, takes this a step further by calling us to rejoice now while in the midst of suffering, for it will result in joy and gladness when Christ's glory is revealed later. Even if we are insulted for standing firm with Christ, it will result in our blessing. The key, though Peter clarifies, is that we do not suffer as a result of wrongdoing; such behavior will lead to shameful judgment. Instead, let us suffer for upholding the will of God that we might experience Christ's glory at his return.

### Discussion Questions

1. Why are “before-and-after” pictures a powerful means for highlighting transformation? How does your “before Christ” picture differ from your “since Christ” picture? What is the picture of hope that Peter wants us to be looking toward?
2. We're not to be surprised by suffering, but to rejoice when sharing in Christ's sufferings (vs. 12-13). How do you initially react to suffering? Do you find it difficult to rejoice in the face of suffering? Why or why not? How does rejoicing now impact our future?
3. There is a distinct difference between suffering for Christ and suffering for doing evil (vs. 14-16). What are examples of ways we might face suffering for the name of Christ? How does our willingness to endure suffering show the Spirit's presence in us?
4. Suffering as Christians will refine us, while suffering for doing evil leaves one without hope (vs. 16-18). When do you find it hard to be labeled a “Christian”? How can we fight off shame and bring glory to Christ, even in the face of hardship and suffering?
5. God will show himself faithful to those who do his will even while suffering (vs. 19). How can we keep our eyes focused on the future glory promised to us in Christ even while suffering? How might you encourage a Christian struggling to endure through suffering?

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14

[1 Peter 4:12-19](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

SUFFERING & GLORY  
(PART ONE)

**NEXT WEEK**

[1 Peter 5:1-5](#)