

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



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*NOW IN FLESH  
APPEARING*



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# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

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## 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.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRAISE

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
["Sing We The Song of Emmanuel"](#)  
["Joy To The World \(Joyful Joyful\)"](#)

Pastor Ryan Boyer  
[Luke 1:46-55](#)

### RENEWAL

Advent Reading: Zimmer Family  
"The Son of Glory"

JOY Candle -- [Luke 2:8-11](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word: [Exodus 33:18-34:9](#)  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

Kari DeBerg

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["O Holy Night"](#)  
Benediction

Matthew Lautz

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# CARE MINISTRY

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**[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](mailto:jolson@graceinracine.com) // 262.977.6531

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:lnewlun@graceinracine.com) with questions.

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## GIVING ENVELOPES

2022 Giving envelopes have arrived and are located on the table by the Bookstall. Blank boxes are also available for those who do not yet have envelopes assigned. Online giving is also an option available through Realm - visit [graceinracine.com/realms](http://graceinracine.com/realms) for more information. Thank you!

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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SUNDAY, DEC 5, 2021

Sanctuary Attendance: 433  
Livestream Attendance: 106  
Giving: \$50,311

2021 GIVING

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



### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

This year's Thanksgiving Offering will be split between Safe Families of Racine and to purchase items for Julian Thomas Elementary School.

You gave \$10,465.50

Thank You Grace Church!

### GOOD NEWS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, Dec. 20, 4:30- 6 pm  
Evangelical Free Church  
2401 Ohio Street  
At the Good News Club, children learn to grow and know our Lord and Savior, Jesus, through Bible study, games, and songs taught by trained and screened Christian teachers/helpers/volunteers. All elementary kids welcome!

### 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. What are some things that God proclaimed about Himself in His interaction with Moses? How have you seen those characteristics of God in your life?
2. What about God would you like to learn more about in the coming year? Spend some time praying together for God to reveal Himself more fully to your child and for discipline for your child and your family to continue to seek knowledge of who God is through His Word.

### THE WEEKLY

Get our weekly happenings in your email!

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

### 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 or stop by the table outside the sanctuary today!

### SAINT NICHOLAS AND THE ORIGINS OF SANTA CLAUS

Pastor Mike shares an article that might surprise you about St. Nicholas. Did you know he's a real person and that Martin Luther would come to play a role in the legend?

Click the QR to read or go to:

<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/saint-nicholas-origins-santa-claus>



## 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.

Making a Christmas list is a time-honored tradition. Think back to the outrageous requests you made of your parents year-in and year-out—whether they were copied straight from the toy catalog or whether they came simply from your own imagination. Regardless of how lengthy the list or how costly the items were, in child-like faith, there was always an optimism of what would appear under the tree on Christmas morning. In this week's passage, Moses makes an outrageous request of the LORD: to see his glory. The only thing more outrageous than Moses' request is the way in which the LORD fulfills the request.

### Discussion Questions

1. What is the most outrageous Christmas present you remember asking for—as a kid or as an adult? Did you get the present? When did you stop asking for the “out of this world” Christmas presents? How do outrageous gift requests connect with Sunday's sermon?
2. Moses makes an outrageous request (33:18). To what extent do you think Moses realized how big his request was? What big requests have you asked of God in prayer? How has he responded so far? Which do you tend to pray—too big of prayers... or too small?
3. The LORD's “Yes, but...” response (33:19-23). What stands out to you about the LORD's response to Moses? How have you seen God respond differently than you had initially asked him to act? How can we use these times to learn from and grow in the LORD?
4. Preparing to see the LORD's glory (34:1-3). Why do you think the LORD gives these specific instructions to Moses? How can we keep from taking God's presence for granted? What are ways we can demonstrate reverence when experiencing God's glory?
5. The LORD proclaims his own name (34:4-9). What is significant about the LORD's self-proclamation of himself? How have you experienced both the grace and truth of God? How can we rightly see both God's grace and truth at work through Christ's life, death, and resurrection? How can we live differently as a result of experiencing this?

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

Exodus 33:18-34:9

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON  
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OF THE ROCK

NEXT WEEK  
Judges 13:1-23