

KNOW the STORY

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 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.



If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your need up to the Lord.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAISE

Welcome Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
Call To Worship [Psalm 5](#)
["The Way \(New Horizon\)"](#)
["My Worth Is Not In What I Own"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal Pastor Chris Amundson
["The Power Of The Cross"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Romans 3:21-26](#) Pastor Chris Amundson
Prayer of Illumination Pastor Mike Matheson
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

"Holy Holy Holy"
["Nothing But The Blood"](#)
Benediction Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Jennifer Durbin, Ken Kotes

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Ryan & Gina Boyer and family on the passing of Ryan's mother, Karen Conner.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to uphold you in prayer during times of need:

- Fill out a connect card online or from the seatback in front of you.
- Come down front after service Sunday morning and we will pray with you.
- Email prayer@graceinracine.com.

GRACE KIDS

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Childcare is available during the entirety of the worship service for children aged birth – Kindergarten. Children ages 2 - Kindergarten will also have an age-appropriate Bible lesson each week.

WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

Note: WIT will NOT meet on Sunday, September 4th. Children will stay with their families the entirety of the service.

Children in 1st-4th grades are welcome to participate in "Worshippers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed before the teaching portion of worship). WIT 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.

This week's WIT Questions:

1. What is "righteousness"?
2. What is the only way we can be made righteous by a righteous God?

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 439
Livestream Attendance: 76
Giving: \$50,641

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,031,928
+/- Budget: \$24,430

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.

In our sermon series “Know the Story,” we have been tracing the big picture storyline of the whole Bible. From Genesis to Revelation, God has woven together one narrative about His redemption of His creation for His glory. Although there are many passages that capture the essence of this sweeping narrative, Romans 3:21-26 is one of the most powerful and succinct. In these six verses, we find the very center of the Bible’s narrative: God’s Son, Jesus Christ. And we learn that the problem of righteousness is solved in Christ. Not only has He made a way for us to be righteous before God, but He has also revealed and vindicated the righteousness of God. On the cross, God’s love and wrath meet. On the cross, His mercy and justice are reconciled.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt like someone got let off too easily for a wrong done, or that a punishment did not fit a crime? This could happen anywhere—in a court of law, in a classroom, or even in your own home. What would have been a better way to administer justice in that situation?
2. Read Romans 1:16-18. In what is the righteousness of God revealed (see 1:16-17)? And against what is the wrath of God revealed (see 1:18)? Now turn to Romans 3:21-22a. In whom has the righteousness of God been revealed (or manifested)? How does the context of 1:16-18 impact your understanding of this week’s passage in 3:21-26?
3. Read 3:22b-25a. What does everyone have in common? What does it take for us to be justified? Through what are we justified (see 3:24)? As what did God put Jesus forward (see 3:25a)? How might we receive this gift of grace (see 3:25b)?
4. A few Sundays ago, our sermon passage was Exodus 34. Go back and read verses 6-7. Here, God tells Moses who He is: Merciful and just—forgiving iniquity and by no means clearing the guilty. How can He be both? How can He do both? How does Romans 3:21-26 explain God’s solution to this problem?
5. Where in your life do you look to see evidence of your righteousness? How is your righteousness revealed? Romans reminds us that we are in fact unrighteous, but Jesus offers us His righteousness; and He shed His blood to do so (v. 25). If we believe this, how should our lives change? What becomes of our boasting, arrogance, and pride? What becomes of our need to prove ourselves to others, or our struggle to forgive others?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

[Romans 3:21-26](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

REDEMPTION: THE
RIGHTEOUS FOR THE
UNRIGHTEOUS

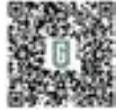
NEXT WEEK

[Acts 1:1-12](#)

FALL 2022 CLASSES

We are excited to offer classes that will help you to grow in your pursuit to know Christ in an ever-growing way. These classes are aimed to help you grow regardless of where you are in your walk with Christ. Below are the descriptions of the classes we're offering.

Register using the QR code or at graceinracine.com/classes. Paper registration forms also available at the Info Center. Childcare is available.



Beginning September 18 // at 11am

The End Times—An Overview of Biblical Teaching

Teachers: Pastor Mike Matheson, Patrick Tetzlaff

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 11am, beginning September 18 (6 weeks)

Since the beginning of the pandemic, interest in the end times has increased. The world we live in seems increasingly unstable. The situation has left many people asking, "Are we rapidly approaching the end? What insights can be gained by examining biblical prophecy? Are vaccine passports the mark of the beast? Who is the antichrist, and has he arrived?" In this class, we will explore what the Bible has to say about prophecy, the end times, the mark of the beast, the antichrist, and other related topics.

Women & God (Women's Class)

Teachers: Michelle Jenks & Jenna Jossart

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 11am, beginning September 18 (6 weeks)

Have you ever wondered what God truly thinks about the women he's created? Our world sends us so many messages about how we should view women in their jobs, relationships, and family roles that it can be confusing. What does the Bible actually say about women? Join us as we explore the Scripture to discover the truth about Women and God.

Note: The book titled Women & God by Kathleen Nielson, is a companion book to this class, and is available at the Bookstall, but it is not required reading.

FALL 2022 CLASSES

Beginning October 30 // at 11am

Tune-Up Your Prayer Life

Teachers: Matthew Lantz & Luke Greenwald

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 11am, beginning October 30 (4 weeks)

Everyone wishes their prayer lives were better. We know it's important and that we should be doing it more often, but at the end of the day, we just don't seem to be getting anywhere. In this class we'll help you identify some of the main obstacles that keep you from having a healthy prayer life. It's a tune-up for your prayer life to get your walk with Christ moving again!

One-to-One Bible Reading

Teachers: Mike Zimmer & Erin Fleming

Meets: Sunday Mornings at 11am, beginning October 30 (4 weeks)

Large Bible studies can be intimidating for some people and if this is you but you still long for a Bible study because you love learning more about God through His Word, then this class is for you! We will teach David Helm's very simple study methods from his book One-to-One Bible Reading. This class is perfect for those who are new to Bible reading, and for those more seasoned Christians who feel called to teach a small study, and for everyone in between.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

JOURNEY GROUPS FOR WOMEN

Begins September 8th

Meets every other

Thursday for 12 weeks

at 6:30pm

Journey Groups are communities of care where stories of pain and abuse can be spoken, heard, and redeemed. You're provided opportunities to open your soul to a deeper understanding of your past, to have courage and integrity in current relationships, and to grow in connection with the Author of your story.

Scan the QR code or contact Gayle Manske gaylemanske@att.net.



PRAYER GATHERING

TONIGHT! // 5:00pm

Prayer is essential if we want to thrive as individuals and as a church. After our prayer time we will share a meal.

This month - Pizza & Ice Cream! We'll provide the pizza and dessert. If you'd like to bring a dish to share:

(based on 1st letter of last name)

A-M: Fruit

N-Z: Vegetables

Or just bring yourself and stick around to clean up!