

To Know Christ and
To Make Christ Known



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The Son of Man at the Center

Revelation 1-3

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. Stop by the welcome table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to meet 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 Erin Fleming, Women's Ministry Associate
Call To Worship [Daniel 7:13-14](#)
"Forever"
"Ancient of Days"

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
"Turn Your Eyes"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Revelation 1:9-20](#) Hallie Charbogian
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Profession of Faith Matthew Lautz
"Jesus At The Center"
Benediction Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Joe Macareno

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.

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 Gabe Stalker at celebraterecovery@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)

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.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 461
Livestream Attendance: 91
Giving: \$22,427

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,116,661
+/- Budget: \$-24,635

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.

This week we continue our sermon series on the last book of the Bible: The Revelation of Jesus Christ. Although its imagery may be confusing and the theories surrounding it may be distracting, this is actually a book about discipleship. Its purpose is to motivate and equip us to be mature disciples of Jesus Christ—to be faithful witnesses like Him. Last week, we were reminded to focus our attention on Jesus. This week, we are given one of the biggest, clearest, and most encouraging portraits of Jesus in all of Scripture: The One described in John’s vision is the One who walks with us. The One like a Son of Man with eyes like fire and feet like burnished bronze is close enough to touch us and say, “Fear not.”

Discussion Questions

1. Do you ever doubt whether Jesus is actually present with and attending to His people? If so, what in life gets you to doubt that? How does this passage help put this doubt to rest?
2. Read verses 12-16. Then, read Daniel 7:9-14. What are the similarities between these passages? What is the significance of John’s allusion to this Old Testament passage? Considering John’s comparison of the Son of Man to the Ancient of Days in Daniel 7, how does John want us to understand Jesus? How does this context impact your understanding of John’s vision?
3. Read verses 17-18. How did John react to the glory of Jesus? Then, read Matthew 17:1-8. How did Peter, James, and John react? What is so significant about their reactions as well as Jesus’ response to them in each passage? How might Jesus’ reminder of the gospel in Revelation 1:17-18 encourage you as you approach this passage, and even this book as a whole? How might Jesus’ reminder of the gospel encourage you in your daily life?
4. Read verses 19-20. Then, read verses 12-13. What do the golden lampstands signify? Considering this, why is it so significant that the One described in verses 12-16 is the One who walks among the lampstands? How does Jesus’ presence with His people impact us as a body of believers, as well as our interactions with each other and our evangelistic witness to the world?
5. The book of Revelation was written during a time of varying levels of pressure and opposition against the church. What might this passage tell us about how the church persevered? What did the church believe? We live in a context of relative peace and freedom. In times of peace, what most obstructs our witness of the glory of Christ to the world? How might trusting in Jesus’ presence with us help us have a powerful and faithful witness to the world?

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM CLASS

Saturday, October 15 // 9am-12pm

Membership at Grace is how you put down your roots at the local church. If you're interested in membership, join us at the upcoming class.

Our next baptism opportunity will be on November 13. If you are planning on being baptized, plan to attend the first hour of the membership class on October 15.

Register at graceinracine.com or scan the QR code.



CHILD DEDICATION

October 30: During service

Required class: Sunday, October 16 at 11am

Child Dedication is a commitment you make before God, as parents, to give thanks to God and raise your children according to God's purpose. It is our heart to partner with you as your child grows and develops their own personal relationship with God.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ENJOY THE SUNDAY MORNING BAKERY?

Great! Then we need your help! Looking for a few people to help with cutting, plating, and placing baked goods on the table. This will begin in October, Sunday mornings before service.

Weekly commitment not required.

Contact:

Mark Schaefer 262-930-4760

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DESK HOST

Be the first face new families meet when they check-in their kids on Sunday mornings! The Desk Host assists with the check-in process for new families as well as helps to troubleshoot any issues on the self-serve stations (training for this is simple and will be provided). Other small administrative tasks such as an attendance count are also a part of this role.

Serves once a month during the service. Scan the QR code or talk to Miss Rachel.



GRACE HAPPENINGS

PRAYER GATHERING

September 25 // 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.

We'll be having pulled pork sandwiches.

We'll provide the meat & buns, we need you to bring

(based on 1st letter of last name):

A - G: Cookies or bars

H - L: Veggie tray

M - S: Fruit tray

T - Z: Sandwich toppings such as pickles, coleslaw, onion, Jalapeño slices, etc.

MEN'S GATHERING

October 8 // 8am-9:30am

Guys, join us as we kick off this season's gatherings using the book of 1 John.

October Speaker: Matthew Lutz
Men's Gatherings are a great way to get better connected at Grace Church while also growing to know Christ. This is also a great way to introduce a friend to Grace Church.

BOARD GAME DAY

October 15 // 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Open house style board game day, come and go as you please. Open to all levels of board gamers. Bring your own games or play the ones that are provided. Bring your friends!



WOMEN'S GATHERING

October 1 // 9am - Noon

Ladies join us for the first Women's Gathering of the season! This season our gatherings will focus on growing in discipleship using the book of 1 John.

October Speaker: Erin Fleming
We'll have worship, food, fellowship, and giveaways - everybody gets a little something this month!

COME SING WITH US AND JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR!

Rehearsals begin

November 1 and will take place on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Scan the QR code visit our website and click on the Choir banner to register.

COMING UP AT VILLAGE CREEK BIBLE CAMP

Nov. 4-6: Made to Create Retreat
This is a great weekend away to recharge and work on crafting!

Nov. 11-13: Dad & Daughter Retreat

Nov. 18-21: Fall Couples Retreat

Learn more about these retreats at villagecreek.net or scan the QR code.

