

To Know Christ and  
To Make Christ Known



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# The Son of Man at the Center

Revelation 1-3

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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](http://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.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRAISE

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
["Psalm 150 \(Praise The Lord\)"](#)  
["Behold Our God"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson  
[Psalm 111:1-10](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal  
["Psalm 46 \(Lord of Hosts\)"](#)

Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

[Revelation 2:18-29](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"](#)  
Benediction

Matthew Lautz

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## CARE MINISTRY

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*On the passing of Patricia Roberts, we extend our sympathies to her daughters Kathy (Charles) Snodgrass, Cindy (Gordon) Hartwig, & Jennifer Roberts and grandchildren Timothy Snodgrass and Katie Hagen.*

*Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to [care@graceinracine.com](mailto:care@graceinracine.com).*

### 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](mailto:prayer@graceinracine.com).

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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 Gabe Stalker at [celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com](mailto:celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com)



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## GRACE KIDS

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### 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.

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 470  
Livestream Attendance: 76  
Giving: \$17,248

### 2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,240,437  
+/- Budget: \$-15,971

## 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.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is meant to motivate and equip us to be mature disciples of Jesus. It also gives us a glorious portrait of Jesus that is meant to encourage us. Last week, we learned about the proclamation to the church in Pergamum. This week, we turn our attention to Thyatira. Through this church, we are challenged to consider the ways we might tolerate what we should not. Here we learn that Jesus really cares about the purity of His church—and we should too! The One with eyes like a flame of fire and feet like burnished bronze searches our minds and hearts. Do we keep His works, or the works of the world? He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

### Discussion Questions

1. The church in Thyatira had tolerated what they should not have tolerated. What are examples of times when tolerance is a good thing? What are examples of times when tolerance is a bad thing? How can we know what to rightly tolerate and when we must be intolerant?
2. Read verse 18. Then, read Daniel 10:4-6. What are the similarities between these passages? What does it mean that Jesus' eyes are like a flame of fire, or flaming torches? Consider Revelation 2:23 and Jeremiah 17:10 as you reflect. Then, read Daniel 2:31-45. What are the similarities between these passages? What does it mean for Jesus' kingdom that His feet are like burnished bronze? Consider the strength of bronze as you reflect.
3. Read verses 20 and 14. The temptation to the churches in Pergamum and Thyatira were the same: Food and sexual immorality. Why are these such common temptations? In what shapes and forms do these temptations come today? How do we guard ourselves against them? Pray asking God for a spirit of repentance. Thank Him for the forgiveness that comes through Jesus.
4. Read verses 24-29. Jesus commands those who do not hold to Jezebel's teaching to "hold fast" to what they have. To what are they holding fast (see v. 19)? In each proclamation to the churches, there is a promise to "the one who conquers." This proclamation adds "and who keeps My works." Why do you think this phrase was added? What is the promise for those who conquer and keep Jesus' works? Consider Psalm 2 as you reflect.
5. Read verses 20-23. The church in Thyatira tolerated Jezebel, but Jesus would not. Their tolerance did not match Jesus' intolerance of her works. They did not care about the purity of the church as much as Jesus did. Are we guilty of this? Why is purity so important? What are ways you might prioritize purity? Pray and ask God to give you His heart for church purity.

## SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

[Revelation 2:18-29](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

TO THE CHURCH IN  
THYATIRA

*Next week:*  
*Revelation 3:1-6*

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### 2022 FALL & HOLIDAY DRIVES!

#### Food Drive for Harvest Outreach Food Pantry

**Collection Date: Sunday, October 30th**

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to pick up a paper bag to fill with non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Outreach Food Pantry, and then return it to Grace on October 30th!

Suggested non-perishables (no glass containers) include:

Cranberries (canned)	Tuna
Sweet Potatoes (canned)	Boxed Potatoes
Potatoes (canned)	Gravy
Pasta w/meat (canned)	Stuffing
Beef (canned)	Corn Muffin Mix
Stew (canned)	Puddings/Jello
Vegetables or Fruit (canned)	Applesauce
Hamburger and Tuna Helper	Pancake Mix & Syrup
Cake Mixes	Dry Pasta
Macaroni and Cheese	Pasta
Cereal	Sauce
Peanut butter	Crackers
Jelly	Laundry Soap
Rice (2 lb bags)	Toilet Paper
Soups	

#### Operation Christmas Child Boxes

**Collection Date: Sunday, November 13th.**

Start adding items for an Operation Christmas Child Box to your shopping list! We'll have boxes available soon.

Some suggested items to include:

- A "Wow" Item
- Personal Care Items
- Clothing & Accessories
- Crafts & Activities
- Toys
- A Personal Note

Scan the QR code for OCCs Amazon storefront, list of items to NOT include and more!



## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### PRAYER GATHERING

**October 23 at 5:00pm**

The focus of our prayer gathering tonight will be praying for our persecuted Christian family around the world living in the world's most difficult and dangerous mission fields.

Prayer is essential if we want to thrive as individuals and as a church. Our prayer gatherings provide us with focused opportunities to grow in our prayer lives together. Join us for prayer and then stay for a meal together.

Meal details: Soup Night!  
Bring a crockpot of soup or cookies/bars to share. We'll provide salad & bread.

### CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

Be part of the Christmas Eve Choir. Rehearsals begin on November 1st and will take place on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. Scan the QR code to sign-up.



### HAVE MEDICAL BACKGROUND?

Anyone, with a medical background, that is interested in joining Grace's Sunday morning Medical Team, please contact Larry White at [racsnetwork9@gmail.com](mailto:racsnetwork9@gmail.com) for more information.

### CLASSES

**Beginning October 30 Meets at 11am**

#### *Tune-Up Your Prayer Life*

Teachers:  
Matthew Lautz & Luke Greenwald  
Meets: October 30 - November 20

#### *One-to-One Bible Reading*

Teachers:  
Mike Zimmer & Erin Fleming  
Meets: October 30 - November 20

### WOMEN'S GATHERING

**November 5 // 9am - 11am**

Speaker: Jo Powell  
Topic: "Unchanging Command"  
Please join us and invite a friend! Please RSVP so we know how many to plan for! Last month we had a fantastic turnout, but over half of you didn't RSVP.



### DATE NIGHT!

**Hosted by MOPS & Momsnext  
November 11 // 5:30-7:30pm  
Attention married couples!**

Let's come together to learn how to find hope through the real-life struggles that many of our marriages face. We will be having dinner together (Italian style!) while we watch a video titled, "Marriage: How to Fight Fair." Childcare available. Both spouses do not need to be present.



**FAMILY MINISTRY WORKSHOP:**

**NAVIGATING TECHNOLOGY USE WITH YOUR CHILD**



**Saturday, October 29, 9am - 11am**

Parents with children of all ages are invited to join us for a Saturday morning workshop where we will learn and discuss together how we can help our children navigate technology usage for the good of their mind, and also their soul. Topics covered will include screen time, cell phones, pornography, and more.

Childcare is provided but registration is required.

You can register your family online at [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or by using the QR code.