

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 Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
Call To Worship [Isaiah 60:1-2](#)
"Christ Is Risen He Is Risen Indeed"
Child Dedications Pastor Mike Matheson
"I Want To Know You"

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal Matthew Lautz
"Nothing But The Blood"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Revelation 3:1-6](#) Kari DeBerg
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

"Christ Is Risen"
Benediction Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Debbie Long, Gimy Caballero (Field Worker)

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.

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: 484
Livestream Attendance: 59
Giving: \$56,899

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,297,336
+/- Budget: \$14,400

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 church in Thyatira. This week, we continue our study of the proclamations to the seven churches with Sardis. Unlike most of the other churches, the church in Sardis faced no external threat. Their problems came from within. This church was satisfied with the name it had made for itself, but Jesus wanted to give it the *right* name—an unsoiled name in the eyes of the One who matters most. Through this church, we are challenged to ask ourselves: Would Jesus find us to be alive or dead? Do we cling to the only One who can give us life? He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches: *Wake up!*

Discussion Questions

1. If you could have a name or reputation for something, what would it be? If other people were to answer this question about who you are right now, what might they say?
2. Read verse 1a. Then, read Revelation 1:4, 16, 20; 4:5; and 5:6. What do these verses teach you about the seven spirits of God and the seven stars? If Jesus has the seven spirits and stars, then Jesus has everything the church in Sardis needs. What might the church in Sardis have mistakenly thought they needed? What do you most often mistakenly think you need in order to be successful as a Christian? How might Jesus' words in this verse change your perspective?
3. Read verses 1b-3. The church in Sardis has a reputation (or name) for being alive, but they are dead. Why does He say that they are dead (v. 2)? What does He tell them to do? Try putting yourself in their place. What would it feel like for Jesus to tell you that you are *dead*? Would it be difficult to accept? Considering Jesus' words, how do you know whether you are alive or dead?
4. Read verses 4-5 and describe the two types of garments mentioned. Then, read Jeremiah 13:1-11. What does this passage say about a spoiled loincloth (v. 7)? What happens to those who refuse to hear God's words and who follow their own heart (v. 10)? What does God want for us instead (v. 11)? How might this context inform your understanding of Revelation 3:1-6?
5. Read verse 6. The church in Sardis had works, but things were not as they seemed. Their works were incomplete. They were utterly devoid of Jesus. What about you? If Jesus were to be removed suddenly from your life, would your life be any different? If yes, then praise God. If no, what might you draw from this passage to help you address this problem?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

[Revelation 3:1-6](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

TO THE CHURCH IN
SARDIS

Next week:
[Revelation 3:7-13](#)

MISSIONS

2022 FALL & HOLIDAY DRIVES!

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!

PERSPECTIVES COURSE

January 16 - May 1, 2023, Monday Evenings at Kenosha Bible Church

5:30pm: Light dinner served

6-8pm: Session (*light dinner, snacks, and childcare provided*)

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 18.

Grace Member & Attendee discounts:

- \$30 discount for Registration by December 18, 2022.
- \$50 discount for a 2nd family member attending.
- \$30 discount each for groups of 3.
- \$100 reimbursement scholarships for the first 20 paid Grace Church registrations upon class completion.



Contact Joe Kobriger (jobriger@gmail.com; 262-939-5152) with questions.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

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.



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.



MEN'S GATHERING

November 12 // 8am-9:30am

Clint Klepp will walk us through 1 John 2:7-17

focusing on discipleship - what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

Men's Gatherings are a great way to get better connected at Grace Church while also growing to know Christ. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 20, 4:30pm

Our annual Thanksgiving service is just a few weeks away. 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.

After our service we will enjoy a meal together, more details to come!

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 for more information.