



To Know Christ and
To Make Christ Known



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Worthy is the Lamb

Advent 2022
Revelation 4-7

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 [Psalm 8:1-9](#)
"O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)"
Advent Reading: Psalm 148 Gordy, Nick, & Jameson Wolfe
"Joy To The World (Joyful Joyful)"

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
"Holy Holy Holy (We Bow Before Thee)"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Revelation 4:1-11](#) Karen Sytsma
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

"Behold Our God"
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"
Benediction

The sanctuary will continue to be used for prayer and reflection following the service. We invite you to come down front if you have a prayer need. Head to the Commons for fellowship after service.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

POINTSETTIA'S FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Today is the last day to purchase.

Share in the decoration of our sanctuary for Christmas Eve by purchasing a poinsettia. These poinsettias will be delivered in time to be used as decorations for our Christmas Eve service. At the conclusion of the service, grab your poinsettia from the stage and take it home to enjoy.

Scan the QR code to purchase or stop by the Information Center after service. Payment due upon purchase.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 3PM

Mark your calendar to join us as we celebrate the coming of Christ to the Earth with "Lessons & Carols" and sing "Silent Night" by candle light. Stay after for cookies & cocoa!

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 9:30AM

Join us Christmas morning as we gather for our weekly worship service.

WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

Note: WIT will NOT meet today, Sunday, November 27th. Children will stay with their families the entirety of the service.

WOMEN'S GATHERING

December 3 // 9am - 11am

Speaker: Michelle Jenks
Text: 1 John 2:18 - 3:10
Join us as we lift our hearts in songs of praise, worship through the reading and study of God's Word, as well as sweet fellowship with one another over a continental breakfast, fruitful discussion and prayer!



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)



How to Register

Scan the QR code to register. The cost of the class is \$220. Early bird discounts are available until Dec. 18. Additional discounts and scholarships available. Contact Joe Kobriger (jobriger@gmail.com; 262-939-5152) for more information.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 449
Livestream Attendance: 63
Giving: \$19,364

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,388,340
+/- Budget: -\$14,524

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 concluded our study of the proclamations to the seven churches. In the proclamations to Philadelphia and Laodicea, we found imagery about doors. This week, we find a door standing open in heaven! In the proclamation to Laodicea, the risen Jesus promised that those who conquer will sit with Him on His throne, as He conquered and sat down with His Father on His throne. This week, we are given a glorious vision of the throne in heaven! On the throne, we find God seated, in control, forever. He is sovereign, not just over all the churches, but over all the cosmos. As we consider what this glorious vision would have meant for the seven churches, we must consider what it means for us. May we join the heavenly chorus in worshiping the One who is holy and worthy, who was and is and is to come!

Discussion Questions

1. Put yourself in John's shoes. In a vision, you stepped through the door standing open in heaven and now you behold the One on the throne. What do you think and feel? What do you do?
2. Read through the passage. How is the One on the throne described (see vv. 2-3, 5-6, 8-11)? How are the twenty-four elders described (see vv. 4, 9-11)? How are the four living creatures described (see vv. 6b-9)? How do all of these descriptions elevate the One on the throne?
3. Read Isaiah 6:1-7. How does this passage resemble Revelation 4? What happens after Isaiah's vision (see Isaiah 6:8-9a)? Read Ezekiel 1:4-28. How does this passage resemble Revelation 4? What happens after Ezekiel's vision (see Ezekiel 2:1-4)? Why do you think their visions of the Lord came right before their callings? How might the visions have prepared them for their callings?
4. Read verses 1-2. A voice like a trumpet invites John to behold the One on the throne. Whose voice is this (see 1:9-18 for a reminder)? Why is it significant that He is the One who opens the door to the Father? Use John 1:18 and 14:6-7 to guide your reflection.
5. Think back on the contexts of the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. How would this vision of the throne in heaven have impacted the seven churches? Then, think about your own context. How might this vision impact you? In the face of the power and majesty of God, how might you see struggle and hardship differently? How might it change the way you see temporary opposition and the temptation to compromise with the surrounding culture? How would your day-to-day life be affected if you fixed your eyes on this glorious picture of God?

SERMON
NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

[Revelation 4:1-11](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

A VISION OF HEAVEN

NEXT WEEK

[Revelation 5:1-14](#)