

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
Call To Worship
["The Lion And The Lamb"](#)
["Build My Life"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson
[Psalm 121:1-8](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer for Persecuted Church Joe & Sheri Kobriger, Mission Directors
["Ancient Of Days"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Revelation 3:7-13](#) Amos Beernink
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Communion Pastor Mike Matheson
["He Will Hold Me Fast"](#)
Benediction Pastor Mike Matheson

*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.*

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Katie Lins

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

All children ages 4 through those in 5th grade are invited to join us for Children's Christmas Choir practice on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:00 pm in room B60. The Children's Christmas Choir will be singing during the 3 pm Christmas Eve service on December 24th.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 525
Livestream Attendance: 73
Giving: \$23,423

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,320,759
+/- Budget: \$11,294

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 Sardis. This week, we continue our study of the proclamations to the seven churches with Philadelphia. Similar to the church in Smyrna, the church in Philadelphia receives no rebuke from the risen Jesus. Instead, Jesus promises to preserve and vindicate them because they have persevered. Although they are small in the eyes of the world, they are greatly loved by Jesus. Although they have but little power, they are promised true security and a fixed identity forever if they will hold fast. The One who opens and shuts has the power to give access to the place of permanent stability: The people of God in the presence of God. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you usually identify yourself? In what do you tend to find your identity? In what should you find your identity? Were your last two answers the same or different? Why?
2. Read verses 7-8a. Then, read Revelation 1:17-18. In both passages, Jesus is described as having keys. What does it mean for Jesus to have the keys of Death and Hades? What does it mean for Him to have the key of David? Read Isaiah 22:15-25. What can you learn about the key of David from this passage? What does it mean to be over a household and to have the keys to a house? Considering this, what does it mean for Jesus to have the key to David's house?
3. Read verses 8b-11. What has the church in Philadelphia kept (vv. 8b, 10)? What will Jesus keep (v. 10)? Three times in this section, Jesus says "I will," and once He says "they will." What is He promising will happen? The church in Philadelphia has persevered, so Jesus will preserve them. What does it look like for us to persevere in the faith in our cultural context? How might we keep Jesus' word about patient endurance?
4. Read verses 12-13. Here, Jesus promises to make those who conquer a pillar in the temple of God and to give them a new name. Read Revelation 21:22. What is the temple in New Jerusalem? Considering this, what does it mean to be made a pillar in this temple? How would it impact your life to know that in Jesus you have a fixed identity forever? Keeping this whole passage in mind, what is important in the eyes of the world vs. what is important to Jesus? How might knowing the difference help you live in the freedom of the identity *He* offers you?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Revelation 3:7-13

Pastor Mike Matheson

SERMON
NOTES

TO THE CHURCH IN
PHILADELPHIA

Next week:
[Revelation 3:14-22](#)

MISSIONS

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Sunday, November 6th.

Join us in praying for Christians living on the worlds most dangerous frontier mission fields. Prayer reminder bookmarks will be available as you exit the sanctuary today.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Collection Date: Sunday, November 13th.

We still have boxes available, stop by the table outside the sanctuary and then bring them back next Sunday!

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



MEET OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday, November 20th, 11am in the Loft

Join us for a meet and greet and presentation with Rick and Donna Martin who are serving as church planters in Ayacucho, Peru.

HARVEST OUTREACH FOOD COLLECTION THANK YOU!

Thank you Grace for your generous donations!

Together we donated 2,118 pounds to Harvest Outreach!

We regularly drop off donations to Harvest Outreach, feel free to drop off items in the bins at any time.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

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.



GRACE HAPPENINGS

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.



DAD & DAUGHTER RETREAT AT VILLAGE CREEK BIBLE CAMP

November 11 - 13

Don't miss out on this incredible time away with your daughter! There will be great activities and fun for all! Learn more at villagecreek.net or scan the QR code. Talk with other dads who have been & are attending such as Glenn Schultz & Paul Durbin for more info!



STOCK UP ON ADVENT AND THANKSGIVING RESOURCES

The Grace Church Bookstall is freshly stocked to help you and your family focus your heart during the upcoming Thanksgiving and Advent seasons. We have books and devotionals for all ages. Be sure to get your copies while they last!

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.

Grace will provide meat & mashed potatoes & gravy.

We'll need you to bring (based on 1st letter of last name):

A - G: Starch dish such as stuffing, corn, mac & cheese, etc)

H - L: Bread/Rolls

M - S: Dessert

T - Z: Veggie dish (green beans, salad, broccoli, etc)

Or, come early/stay after to help serve and clean up!

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!