



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](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.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### PRAISE

Welcome  
Call To Worship  
["Angels We Have Heard On High"](#)  
["O Come All Ye Faithful \(His Name Shall Be\)"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson  
[Psalm 24:7-10](#)

### RENEWAL

Advent Reading: Psalm 9  
Prayer of Renewal  
["Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"](#)

Carson Jenks, Ben Jenks, Juli Toutant,  
Mia Lockhart, Faith Smith

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word

[Revelation 6](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

### RESPONSE

["It Is Well"](#)  
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: Geri Baumblatt

*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).

## 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)

# FAMILY MINISTRY

## 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: 458  
Livestream Attendance: 90  
Giving: \$25,998

### 2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,442,022  
+/- Budget: -\$49,099

## 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.

In last week's chapter, John is shown a vision of the Lamb being the only one who is worthy to receive the scroll and to look into it. In Chapter 6, he sees the result of that as Jesus breaks open each of the seals. John (and we also) are privy to what is really going on behind the scenes as the last days unfold. It is not a world in chaos or evil winning the day. It is a righteous king sovereignly orchestrating all things to God's glory as history comes to a culmination.

### Discussion Questions

1. How have the last couple of weeks in Revelation affected your view of God? What specifically has struck you most about John's vision of the throneroom of heaven (Chapters 4+5) and why?
2. In the first eight verses of chapter 6, Jesus breaks open the first four seals. What does the outcome of the opening the seals say about the nature of the last days? How do we see this in the present day as well as in history?
3. The opening of the fifth seal shows us a picture of martyred souls crying out to God to avenge their blood and God tells them to wait. Does this make you uncomfortable? What does God's response to them in verse 11 tell us about how we should think about Christian persecution?
4. When Jesus opens up the sixth seal, we have a cosmic level description of the Last Day. What does the response of all who dwell on the earth tell us about what the wrath of the Lamb is like? Is this a picture of Jesus that you think about often?
5. What does a passage like this have to do with the gospel message? Might Revelation 6 affect the way we think about the meaning of Christmas?

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 3PM**

Join us as we celebrate the coming of Christ to the Earth with "Lessons & Carols."

Postcards are available at the information center to invite others.

Please bring a dozen cookies and after service, stay for a while and enjoy fellowship with your Grace family along with cookies & cocoa!

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

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

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## 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 (jobrigger@gmail.com; 262-939-5152) with questions.

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## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCH

December 15 // 12pm

Those age 55+ are invited!

### GIVING ENVELOPES

2023 Giving envelopes are coming, stay tuned for pick-up details.

### CARING FOR OUR GRACE CHURCH FAMILY

If your family is experiencing financial challenges and would be blessed by assistance with your Christmas dinner, fill out a Connection Card found in the seat back in front of you. Write "Christmas" and your name, address and phone number on the card and drop it in the offering box. If you have questions, contact the office and ask for the Grace Church Benevolence Ministry, 262-632-2111 or email [newlun@graceinracine.com](mailto:newlun@graceinracine.com)

### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: MEAL TEAM LEADER

This position oversees a critical component to what Grace church offers in terms of support, encouragement, and love during difficult times. Meals are often one of the most appreciated signs of being the hands and feet of Jesus in real life.

If that's you, contact Angie Vail: [angela.m.vail@gmail.com](mailto:angela.m.vail@gmail.com)

### PRAYER GATHERING

December 18 // 5pm

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.

We'll provide the dinner, just bring yourself. Meal: Pasta bake, salad, & breadsticks.

### END OF YEAR CLEARANCE

Happening Now @ the Grace Bookstall!

Help us clear some room for new 2023 inventory by picking up some great books at deeply discounted prices!

Also come by and check out our great gift ideas including lots of journals, Bibles, devotionals, and children's books!

### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

The Elder Council has carefully considered constitutional updates regarding Deacons, Elder Council makeup, and legal protections, which will be voted on by the congregation at the 2023 Annual Meeting. Hard copies of this will be available after service. Scan the QR code to view online.

