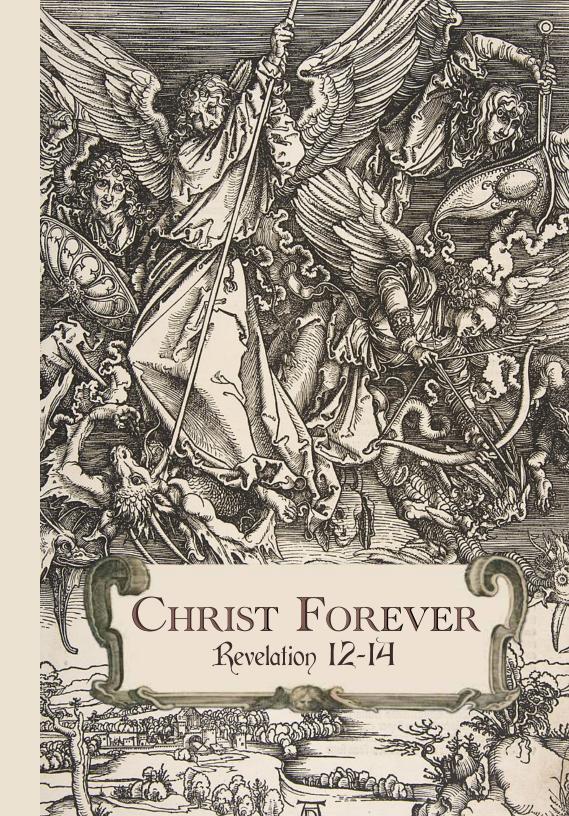
To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known



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 the 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
"God Is For Us"

Pastor Matthew Lautz 2 Samuel 22:2-4

Amos Beernink

"The Lord Is My Salvation"

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal Andy Feliksiak, Executive Director "Before The Throne Of God Above"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word: Revelation 12:1-17 Prayer of Illumination

Prayer of illumination

Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

"Nothing But The Blood"
"Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

Benediction Pastor Matthew Lautz

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.

GET CONNECTED

LOG-ON TO CHURCH CENTER (just scan the QR code to get the app)

Access through the app or website to:

- Register for events or sign-up for activities
- Connect with your Life Group
- Give
- ...and more, stop by the table in the commons to learn about it!

GRACE HAPPENINGS

GUATEMALA TRIP RECAP

TODAY! // 12pm // Commons Come hear stories and view the video from the trip!

<u>UPCOMING CLASS:</u> <u>Tune up your prayer life</u>

March 19 // 11am // Four Weeks In this class, we'll help you identify some of the main obstacles that keep you from having a healthy prayer life.

MEMBERSHIP/BAPTISM CLASS

Saturday, March 25 // 9 - Noon
If you're interested in membership, join us at the upcoming class.
If you are planning on being baptized, plan to attend the first hour of the membership class. Our next baptism opportunity will be on April 9 (Easter Sunday!).
Register at graceinracine.com or scan the OR code.

ATTEN DANCE

&GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 656 Giving: \$25,498

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one please scan the QR code to place your order. The flowers will create a beautiful display on Easter Sunday Morning and you can take yours home after the service.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF UPDATE

The original amount of \$15,812 announced on February 26 has grown to a final number of \$23,853! Our missionaries in Turkey and Syria expressed sincere gratitude for the generosity of Grace Church. The account is now closed but if you would like to donate contact globalteam@graceinracine.com



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$292,817 +/- Budget: -\$21,237

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 Revelation 12, we begin a new sequence of visions, following the seven trumpets. The Apostle John sees two great signs in heaven: a woman giving birth to a son and a great red dragon. And he witnesses a great battle that rages in heaven and on earth between the dragon and those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. As you study this section further, remember that we are dealing with highly symbolic literature that is representative of spiritual realities that we can't see with our eyes. To interpret these visions we must look at the context surrounding these symbols. How do we understand chapter 12 in light of everything else we've read so far in Revelation, as well as what has come before in all of scripture?

Discussion Questions

- 1. Chapter 11 ended with "flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail." We read that before at the end of the seven seals in Revelation 8:5. What does this repetition signify? How are we to understand what follows?
- 2. Verses 1-6 tell the story of a woman who gives birth to a male child, "one who is to rule all the nations". What Biblical story is this recounting and why? How does this inform our understanding of that very familiar story?
- 3. The dragon, who is Satan, is a very tragic character. Three times in this chapter he tries to accomplish something and three times he is defeated, all in a rather embarrassing manner. What does this tell you about Satan and his power?
- 4. In verse 10 we are told that Satan, "who accuses [our brothers] day and night before God" has been thrown down from heaven to earth. And the Christian brothers and sisters "have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Imagine the scene where God is the judge, Satan is the prosecutor, and you are the defendant. What is it about the blood of the Lamb and your testimony that is so effective in your defense? Read 1 Peter 1:17-19.
- 5. How do you see yourself in relation to the spiritual war that is raging around you? If the dragon is coming after you, "who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus", how do you survive? Read Ephesians 6:10-20.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

SERMON **NOTES**

A GREAT DRAGON

Revelation 12:1-17
Pastor Mike Matheson