An impressionistic landscape painting featuring a dense forest of green trees in the foreground and middle ground. The sky is filled with soft, blended colors of blue, white, and yellow, suggesting a bright, hazy day. The overall style is painterly and atmospheric.

To Know Christ
and to
Make Christ Known

Everything Matters
Wisdom from Ecclesiastes



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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 on the next page 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

PRELUDE

["Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God"](#)

PRAISE

Welcome Andy Feliksiak, Executive Director
Call To Worship [Colossians 3:16-17](#)
["Praise To The Lord \(Joyful, Joyful\)"](#)
["Ancient Of Days"](#)

RENEWAL

Missions Update with Dave & Marilyn Simmons
["Holy Spirit, Living Breath Of God"](#)
Pastoral Prayer

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Ecclesiastes 11:1-6](#)
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word Isaac Miller, Director of Care Ministry

RESPONSE

Communion
["Build My Life"](#)
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.*

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Lani Squires, Roger Blair, Keith Heapes

We're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@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

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.

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).

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 591
Giving: \$29,111

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,295,846
+/- Budget: -\$76,498

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 beginning of chapter 11 addresses the unexpected nature of life and how we ought to respond to it. While we are always drawn to feeling as if we are in control, the uncertainty of what will be is proof of otherwise. But that still shouldn't prevent us from living faithfully today.

Discussion Questions

1. Last week's sermon dealt with the complex relationship between wisdom and folly. What does wise living look like according to last week's passage, and what were the warnings that were given?
2. Chapter 11 begins with the very odd command to 'cast your bread upon the waters'. What is meant by this and why should we do it?
3. In 11:3-4, the Preacher uses a lot of language from nature to make his point. What is his point? What is it telling us about the reality of life?
4. Does the fear of it 'being the wrong time' ever paralyze you from making a decision or doing something you know you need to do? Why is it so important that we overcome this fear?
5. This passage does not guarantee a good outcome, even if we work faithfully and wisely. So what is our motivation to do what the preacher is telling us? Do you find this difficult?
6. How does knowing Jesus and his work on our behalf help us to live faithfully amidst life's many uncertainties?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

[Ecclesiastes 11:1-6](#)

Isaac Miller

Director of Care Ministry

WISDOM FOR WORK

Next Week: [Ecclesiastes 11:7-12:8](#)

MISSIONS

2023 FALL & HOLIDAY DRIVES

Food Drive for Harvest Outreach Food Pantry

Collection Date: Sunday, October 29th

Stop by the table outside the sanctuary to pick up a paper bag to fill with non-perishable food items to benefit Harvest Outreach Food Pantry, and then return it to Grace on October 29th.

Suggested non-perishables (no glass containers) include:

- Vegetables
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Rice
- Soup
- Tuna
- Boxed Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Applesauce
- Dry Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Crackers
- Macaroni & Cheese (*the shells & cheese type*)

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

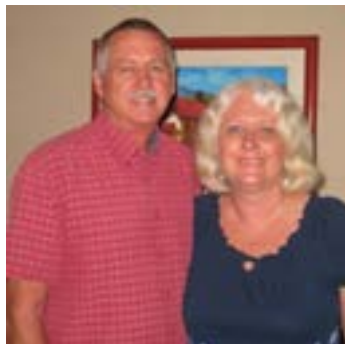
Boxes will be collected on November 12th

Start adding items for an Operation Christmas Child Box to your shopping list!

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

VISITING TODAY: DAVE & MARILYN SIMMONS - PUCALLPA, PERU

Dave and Marilyn have been serving in Peru for over 40 years and partnered with Grace for over 30. Dave started as a bush pilot, flying missionaries and supplies into the Amazon rainforest. They helped plant a church in Pucallpa, which has since sent out more church planters to other parts of Peru. Dave is now the Field Administrator for SAM Peru and Marilyn is a volunteer at Latidos de Esperanza crisis pregnancy center, which partners with local Pucallpa churches. They also counsel married couples and are leaders in their local church. Dave & Marilyn have 3 adult children and several grandchildren. Their daughter Stephanie and her family also serve with SAM in Peru.



Stop by the Mission Table today to give them a warm Grace Church welcome!

HALO LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

Volunteer Meeting

TODAY! // 11am Room B60

Join us to help brainstorm ideas moving forward with this local partnership.

SERVE AT HALO

TODAY! // 4pm

Join us as we meet the physical needs of the people we serve with a meal. Afterward we have time of music, gospel presentation, prayer, and fun!

MISSIONS PRAYER HOUR

Monday, October 16 // 7pm
Room A29

All are welcome to join us for an open prayer gathering to pray for our global field workers and the nations where they serve. This Monday we will be praying for the Rubios in Mexico along with our Field Workers in Turkey and our HALO ministry team.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Saturday, October 21st // 9 - Noon

If you are interested in becoming a member, this is the first step in the process. At Grace Church, membership is the way we root ourselves in the local body of Christ, like becoming part of a family. Join us for this three hour class to learn about the beliefs, vision, and organization of the church. Register at graceinracine.com or scan the QR code at the back of the Worship Guide.

NEWCOMER GATHERING

Saturday, October 29th // 11am

If you are new to Grace Church and would like to know a little bit more about us, we would like to invite you to our Newcomer Gathering. This will be a time for you and your family to grab a snack, meet a few of the staff, and hear a little about the vision of Grace Church.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

& Member Meeting!

Sunday, November 19th // 4pm

Join us at our annual Thanksgiving Service where we will have a time of celebration, a time of thanksgiving, and a time of remembrance. We gather to remember His goodness to us and to pray our thanksgiving to our Savior.

Part of our time will also be a member meeting. All members are encouraged to join us as we will need to meet quorum. We will be voting to confirm deacon candidates. In the coming weeks we will provide candidate bios.

After our service we will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together (all provided by us!).



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!