

The background of the entire image is a landscape painting of a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the canopy of tall evergreen trees, creating bright highlights and deep shadows. In the foreground, there's a clearing with low-lying green bushes and small white flowers. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

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

["Life Defined"](#)

PRAISE

Welcome
Call To Worship
["All Creatures Of Our God And King"](#)
["Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson
[Romans 8:19-21](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer Of Renewal
["I Will Wait For You \(Psalm 130\)"](#)

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

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

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection
["This Is The Day"](#)
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: Dave Hammel, Michael Manske, Tim Hoeffert

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 "Worshipers 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: 563
Giving: \$21,160

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,317,006
+/- Budget: -\$90,975

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 this penultimate sermon from our Ecclesiastes series we see the Preacher give instructions to remember and rejoice in this life. While this passage certainly applies to all who read it, he has something to say to young people in regards to how to approach the days of youth. The harsh reality is that we will all fade and die. Therefore, how we think about and spend our days matters.

Discussion Questions

1. According to last week's passage (11:1-6), what does it look like to work faithfully and wisely? What are some of the traps we fall into that prevent us from taking actions that we ought to?
2. 11:7-8 gives us some reminders about the nature of life. How are we supposed to approach the days that we are given and what should we expect?
3. What is the Preacher's advice for young people in 11:9-10? Why is he specifically speaking to the youth here?
4. The Preacher goes on in 12:1-7 to also tell us to remember our Creator before the troubles of old age and death come upon us. What is the advantage of knowing God from early on in life? How should we think about and approach this portion of the passage if we are older in years?
5. How might this passage shape the way we, as a congregation, think about our kids at Grace? How does this challenge you personally?
6. Even though there are many 'days of darkness' in this life, we are called to rejoice in the time God has given us and to remember him. How does knowing Christ give us an advantage in this regard that even the Preacher didn't fully understand?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

Pastor Mike Matheson

WISDOM FOR
GROWING OLD

Next Week: [Ecclesiastes 12:8-14](#)

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

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Boxes will be collected on November 12th

Fill an Operation Christmas Child Box. This is a great activity to do as a family or even a Life Group.

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

MISSIONARY CARE TEAM

Saturday, October 28 // 9am

Room A30

Be part of an exciting new ministry to care for our missionaries on and off the field. Use your gifts of encouragement, communication, prayer, hospitality and more to partner with and care for our Grace supported missionaries. Contact Cindi Due for more info: cindidue@me.com.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

November 5

This special day is set aside as a global day of prayer on behalf of persecuted Christians who stand as a bold witness to Christ on the world's most dangerous mission frontiers.

You can begin praying now for the front line workers as they advance the gospel in hostile areas and restricted nations.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

STUDENT MINISTRY: BLAZE

October 25th is Pod Night.

Each Blaze Pod will be doing a different activity, and most of these will not be at the church. Please contact Michelle Jenks at mjenks@graceinracine.com if you aren't sure where your 6th-12th grade students will be meeting that night.

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!).

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.

VISIT THE BOOKSTALL!

Starting November 19th, we will begin studying the Gospel of Matthew together as a church.

Prepare yourself and your family by stopping by the Grace Church Bookstall for these and other great resources designed to help you better understand the Gospel of Matthew and the person and work of Jesus!

- Scripture Journals for \$4.00
- Books About Jesus in the Gospels
- Books for Kids, Teens, and Families
- Books for those exploring Christianity, new believers, or those wanting to share Jesus with others



Scan here for all
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Guide links!