



NOT

ASHAMED

**OF
THE
GOSPEL**

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

["God So Loved"](#)

PRAISE

Welcome
Call To Worship
["This I Believe"](#)
["Redeemer"](#)

Isaac Miller, Director of Care Ministry
[Isaiah 43:9-11](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer for Global Missions Partners
["The Power Of The Cross"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

[Romans 1:16](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection
["In Christ Alone"](#)
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

On the passing of Donald R. Mainland, our sympathy to his son Mick (Geri) Mainland and grandchildren Melissa (Jon) Wiese, Jessie (Nick) Froese, Bethany (Andy) Wolfe, and Chris (Carly) Mainland and their families.

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.

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

Children are welcome in our worship service and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service. However, we do offer the following for kids birth - 4th grade:

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Sunday school 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: 589
Giving: \$60,707

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,515,169
+/- Budget: -\$97,853

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.

Last week, Pastor Mike talked about our thinking rightly concerning political power in light of the true power of the gospel. But another danger that lays its trap for the church is making politics the primary shaper of our identity. The folly in doing this is in the fact that political affiliation is an insufficient substitute for the glorious identity we have in the gospel of Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. In thinking about last week's sermon, how do we effectively engage politics as believers without drifting toward placing our hope in earthly power?
2. Why do you think it is so easy for so many to let politics shape personal identity? What is behind the draw to it?
3. Do you believe that politics has become an idol within the church? Is there a personal example of how you have potentially engaged idolatry in this way?
4. How does over-emphasizing personal political identity weaken the community of believers? How can we approach engaging politics without compromising the unity of the church?
5. How often do you consider your witness (particularly to those who hold opposing political views to yourself) in how you speak and present your political opinions? Would you honestly say that your gospel witness always comes before expressing your thoughts on these matters?
6. How does looking at and following the life of Christ put political matters into their proper place when it comes to our personal lives? How did Jesus talk about these things?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

[Romans 1:16](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

POLITICS & IDENTITY

Next Week: [Matthew 1:1-17](#)

MISSIONS MOMENT

VISITING TODAY: NEFTALI & ALYSSA RUBIO — GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

Alyssa grew up at Grace Church and met Neftali (Nef) at Bible camp. They were married 11 years ago and have served in youth and soccer ministry through their church and in the community in Guadalajara. Recently Nef was asked to step into the lead pastor role at their church. Being in leadership is different in Mexico than in the U.S. As the pastor's wife, Alyssa is also expected to take on many leadership roles so they both lead many, many groups at the church. For years they have wanted children and they are now expecting their first child in February! Stop by the Mission table after service to give them a big Grace welcome!



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Next Sunday, November 19, our Annual Thanksgiving Offering will be taken. This offering is taken in addition to our regular offering.

This year's offering will be designated to:

- [The International Community Center](#) (ICC) in South Milwaukee. The ICC provides a safe learning space for refugees coming into Milwaukee. Several Grace members give their time to teach language, provide tutoring, and community.
- [World Help](#) to provide relief for those affected by the war in Israel.

Please write "Thanksgiving" on your check and/or envelope. [When giving online, choose "Thanksgiving Offering."](#)

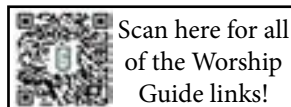
STAY INFORMED WITH TEXT MESSAGES

Don't worry, we won't bombard you with frequent messages. What we WILL text is

- Cancellation notices
- Important reminders such as attending a member meeting

But first, we need your consent! In order to add you to the list, please scan the QR code and fill out a short form to provide your consent. That's it!

Have questions or need assistance with Church Center? Stop by the table outside the main office and talk with Cindy and Laura.



GRACE HAPPENINGS

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. Deacon candidate bios are available at the Info Center.

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

VISIT THE BOOKSTALL

To coincide with *"Not Ashamed Of The Gospel"* Pastor Mike recommends:

"Strange New World" \$12

"The Air We Breathe" by Glen Scrivener - \$12

"Good and Bad Ways to Think About Religion and Politics" by Robert Benne - \$15

SINGLE SENIOR WOMEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, November 14th // 1-3pm

Topic: Seasonal Arrangements
All single women over age 50 are welcome to come for a time of fellowship and learning.

CARING FOR GRACE FAMILIES

If your family is experiencing financial challenges and would be blessed by assistance with your Thanksgiving dinner, fill out a Connect Card, write "Thanksgiving," along with your name, address & phone number and drop it in the offering box. Contact Pam: 262-632-2111 pnichols@graceinracine.com.

ADVENT SEASON

[Come Deck The Halls!](#)

Saturday, December 2nd // 10am

Join us to decorate the church for Christmas. We'll have tasks for all skill levels. Come when you can, leave when you have to.

[Poinsettia's for Christmas Eve](#)

Last day to order: November 26

Share in the decoration of our sanctuary for Christmas Eve by purchasing a poinsettia. These poinsettias will be delivered in time to be used as decorations for our Christmas Eve service. At the conclusion of the service, grab your poinsettia from the stage and take it home to enjoy.

Choose your flower pot size, flower color, and foil wrapping color. Prices range from \$14 to \$38 depending on the pot size you choose.

Scan the QR code to purchase. Payment due upon purchase.

**To Know Christ
and to
Make Christ Known**



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