

The Savior King

ADVENT SEASON 2023



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

["House Of The Lord"](#)

PRAISE

Welcome
Call To Worship

Andy Feliksiak, Executive Director

[Psalm 89:3-5](#)

["The Lord's Prayer \(It's Yours\)"](#)

["Holy Forever"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal
Kids Singing "Bible Timeline Song"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word
Prayer of Illumination
Preaching of the Word

[Matthew 1:1-17](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Communion
["Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"](#)
["King Of Kings"](#)
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

*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).

There will be NO WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING on NOVEMBER 26th due to the Thanksgiving weekend. WIT will resume on December 3rd.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 585
Giving: \$28,367

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,445,688
+/- Budget: -\$105,395

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.

We now begin a year-long series in the Gospel of Matthew together. And from beginning to the end, the author is going to work to convince us of the identity of Jesus and the nature of his work. In these first seventeen verses, Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus. And while it would be easy for us to skim it or skip over it completely to get to the story, it is there for us to further understand who our Lord is.

Discussion Questions

1. When was the last time you read or studied one of the Gospels? What are you most looking forward to as we go through Matthew together over the next year?
2. The first seventeen verses of Matthew are genealogy. Why does God value genealogies enough to include them in multiple places throughout the scriptures? Why is it good for us to read them?
3. In this genealogy of Jesus, it begins with calling Christ the "son of David" and the "son of Abraham". What is the point that Matthew is making by highlighting these two ancestors of Jesus right up front? What is it telling us about the identity of Jesus?
4. Take a little bit of time to look through the names on this list and think through the Old Testament stories that you can remember. Why would many of the characters included in this list seem as unlikely candidates to have such an honor? What does their inclusion say about God and his ultimate plan?
5. In verse 17, Matthew highlights Abraham and David again; but he now also highlights the deportation of God's people to Babylon. Why? What is he telling us about Christ and the nature of his work right from the beginning of this book?
6. How does the inclusion of this genealogy at the beginning of Matthew serve to strengthen our understanding of what the whole bible is about (especially the Old Testament)? In what ways ought this give us more confidence in the gospel message?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

[Matthew 1:1-17](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

INTRODUCING JESUS

Next Week: [Matthew 1:18-25](#)

MISSIONS

VISITING TODAY: NEFTALI & ALYSSA RUBIO – GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

Alyssa grew up at Grace Church and met Neftali (Nef) at Bible camp. After 11 years of marriage they are expecting their first child in February! Stop by the Mission table after service to give them a big Grace welcome and pick up their prayer card, or email globalteam@graceinracine.com for more info.



GRACE HAPPENINGS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The church offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. We wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving as you remember and celebrate all of God's good gifts in your life!

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

& Member Meeting!

Today! // Arrive at 3:30pm!

Join us at our annual Thanksgiving Service where we will have a time of celebration, a time of thanksgiving, and a time of remembrance. 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.

Stay after and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together, all food is provided!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Annual Thanksgiving Offering will be taken today. 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 which provides a safe learning space for refugees coming into Milwaukee. *and to*
- 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."

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 2 // 8am

Topic: *The Problem With Money*
Guys, join us for a hot breakfast, fellowship, & God's word.



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!

GRACE HAPPENINGS

VISIT THE BOOKSTALL

Advent Books are now available at the Bookstall. Come explore and choose the resource that will best help you and your family to set you remind on Christ during this coming Advent season:

"The Advent of the Lamb of God"

(Russ Ramsey) - \$18

"Comfort and Joy"

(Matt Searles) - \$6

"The Advent of Glory"

(RC Sproul) - \$10

"Emmanuel"

(Ruth Chou Simons) - \$15

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

(Jonathan Gibson) - \$14

"Is Christmas Unbelievable?"

(Rebecca McLaughlin) - \$1

"God's Big Promises Advent Calendar and Family Devotional"

(Carl Laferton) - \$4

"The Promise and the Light"

(Katy Morgan) - \$12

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.

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!

TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



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