



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

["Life Defined"](#)

PRAISE

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

Call To Worship Psalm 24

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

["All I Have Is Christ"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer For Persecuted Church

["A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Romans 1:16

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Communion

["Redeemer"](#)

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: Anna Macareno, Alois Ortler, Patti Larson

Congratulations to Daniel & Allison Morton on the birth of their son, Zion.

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: 593

Giving: \$20,498

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,356,609

+/- Budget: -\$122,646

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 brief, two week series, we have the opportunity to consider the gospel and what it means in our approach to politics and social issues. With a political climate as polarized and often vitriolic as our own, it is necessary for us to consider these things as God's people. If we are to be set apart from this world, then we must also be set apart in our convictions about worldly power.

Discussion Questions

1. How often do you think about politics? Does it ever bring you anxiety? Explain.
2. In your opinion, how do you think the Church in the U.S. is faring in regards to how it approaches politics and power? Are we being a good witness or grappling with these things similarly to how the world does? Give examples either way.
3. We often hear that Christians ought to 'stand up' more for biblical values in regards to political culture. Do you agree? If so, what does that mean and look like?
4. Jesus certainly addressed and dealt with earthly power in his ministry. How did he approach it? How does the way that our Lord handled this issue translate to how we ought to handle it in the here and now?
5. What does it mean that the gospel is the 'power of God'? How should this transform us in the way we think about earthly power?
6. In considering this issue, how have you been challenged? What needs to change in your thoughts or actions when it comes to how you engage with politics? What would it look like to be charitable and loving to those who disagree with you politically?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

[Romans 1:16](#)

Pastor Mike Matheson

IDENTITY & POLITICS

Next Week: [Romans 1:16](#)

MISSIONS

2023 FALL & HOLIDAY DRIVES

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Boxes are due next Sunday, November 12th

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

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

HARVEST OUTREACH FOOD COLLECTION THANK YOU!

Thank you Grace for your generous donations!

Together we donated 2,842 pounds to Harvest Outreach which is 724 more pounds than last year! You not only met the goal of 2,500 pounds but surpassed it. We regularly drop off donations to Harvest Outreach, feel free to drop off items in the bins at any time.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

The first Sunday in November is a day when churches around the world pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ. Our prayers matter: Persecuted Christians are greatly encouraged by knowing that we understand their plight and lift them up in prayer.

MISSIONS PRAYER HOUR

Monday, November 6 // 7-8pm // Sanctuary

Join us tomorrow evening for a special time as we seek to better understand the lives of those persecuted, and corporately pray for Christians living on the world's most difficult and dangerous mission fields.

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!

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 by us!).

VISIT THE BOOKSTALL

To coincide with *"Not Ashamed Of The Gospel"* Pastor Mike recommends the book *"Strange New World"* which offers a concise and thoughtful application for Christians on the most critical topics of our age.

\$12 at the Bookstall

ABOUT THE ART

The art featured with *"Not Ashamed Of The Gospel"* is Apostle Paul in prison (1627). Copper engraving after an oil painting by Rembrandt Van Rijn (Dutch painter, 1606 - 1669 in the State Gallery Stuttgart, published c. 1880.

SENIOR ADULT BIBLE BRUNCH

Thursday, Nov. 9 // 10:30am

This ministry is a great opportunity to experience fellowship, study the Bible, and connect with other seniors. Anyone age 55 and up is welcome.

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

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.



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!

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



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