

*The Savior King*  
ADVENT SEASON 2023



## Merry Christmas & Welcome to Grace Church!

We're glad you're here to celebrate Christmas with us. Our desire is to gather as people who want to know Christ more. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Stay after the service today for light snacks and fellowship!

Need a Bible? Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary, we'd love to get one to you and also 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 ~ December 24, 2023

#### PRE-SERVICE

["Joy To The World"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

#### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Isaiah 9:2, 6](#)

["O Come All Ye Faithful \(His Name Shall Be\)"](#)

["O Come O Come Emmanuel"](#)

#### RENEWAL

Advent Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-6

The Jenks Family

["Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery"](#)

#### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

#### RESPONSE

Community Candle Lighting

["Silent Night"](#)

["Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King Of Heaven"](#)

Benediction

## What Is The Good News?

*One thing that all people share is that as we progress through life, we seek answers to the deeper questions: Where did we come from? What is our purpose? Why does so much in the world seem to be so wrong? The message of Christianity is that God has graciously given us answers to these questions. These answers come from what we call "the gospel" which means, "good news." Here's that message:*

**1. God.** The Bible tells us that God, who is supremely good and loving, has created all things. From the smallest cells in our body to the countless galaxies in our universe, God has made, sustains, and rules over everything. (Gen. 1:1; Mark 10:18; Col. 1:16,17)

**2. Man.** In his creative work, he has made us; human beings. The chief purpose of our design is to bring God glory. This means that in all that we do in the life that we live, our primary role is to reflect what God is like to the world. And when God finished creating us, he declared his work as good. (Gen. 1:26,31; Is. 43:6,7)

**3. Sin.** But then something happened. Even though we are the pinnacle of God's creation, we rebelled against God and fell into sin. In this, our hearts have turned from desiring to bring him glory to bringing glory to ourselves. Sin has caused us to be separated from a loving relationship with our creator God, darkened our understanding of him, and brought about death. In fact, all that is wrong with the world and every act of human evil finds its origin in our rebellion against God. (Gen. 3; Rom. 3:23; Eph. 2:1-3)

**4. Jesus.** Fortunately, the story doesn't end here. When Christians celebrate Christmas, we are celebrating the fact that God graciously chose to rescue people from the clutches of sin and death. God sent his only son into the world to live the perfect life that we could never live, die a horrible death on a cross that pays the penalty for our sin, and conquer death by being raised from the dead. (1 Tim. 1:15; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 15:3,4)

**5. Our Response.** It is important for you to know that only those who respond to Jesus and what he has done in faith will be saved from their sins and be restored to a relationship with God. A word that the Bible uses often is 'repent'. This means that we turn from our life of sin, trust that Jesus is enough to save us, and follow after him. (Luke 5:32; John 14:6; Rom. 3:21,22)

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 632

Giving: \$55,156

### 2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,663,728

+/- Budget: -\$75,953

# Thank you for joining us today!

Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

Scan the QR code to learn more about what's coming up at Grace Church.

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