

*The Savior King*  
ADVENT SEASON 2023



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# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

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## VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit [graceinracine.com](http://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.

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.

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### PRE-SERVICE

"All Glory Be To Christ"

Welcome

Andy Feliksiak, Executive Director

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Psalm 89:1-5](#)

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

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

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Isaac Miller, Care Director

["This I Believe"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Matthew 4:12-25](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Chris Amundson

### RESPONSE

["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.*

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# CARE MINISTRY

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## PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Keith Heapes, Merlin Gandrud, Myron Kauers

*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](mailto:care@graceinracine.com).*

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## CARE RESOURCES

Stop by the Care Group wall for a variety of resources on topics such as:

- When Bad Things Happen
- Counseling Children Through Grief
- Broken Relationships
- Anxiety and others

We are here to walk alongside you in all seasons in life. Scan the QR code to share your care needs with us or look for Isaac Miller by the Care Group wall.

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## 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](mailto:prayer@graceinracine.com).

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## 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](mailto:celebraterecovery@graceinracine.com)

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

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### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 1,063

Giving: \$45,870

### 2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,709,598

+/- Budget: -\$152,402

## 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 the wilderness, Jesus accomplished what no man could by overcoming the temptation of the evil one. Now it is time to begin building his kingdom, but Christ's kingdom is very different from everything we have come to expect concerning power and reign. All of our expectations are gloriously reversed as we see what he has come to do.

### Discussion Questions

1. For the Christmas Eve service, Pastor Mike preached from the story of Christ's temptation in the wilderness. In what way does Jesus overcoming temptation give us a fuller understanding of Christmas?
2. In 4:12-13, we see that Jesus begins his ministry in Capernaum. What makes this area significant? How does Jesus beginning in this region give us hope for today?
3. Why does Jesus use the phrase 'I will make you fishers of men' when calling the disciples? What does it tell us about the nature of our calling as his servants in this world?
4. What does it tell us about Jesus that he chose fishermen as his first servants? How does this encourage/challenge you?
5. In 4:23-25, we see a glimpse of what this kingdom is all about. What elements of Christ's kingdom are presented here? How is it different from all other kingdoms?
6. What does this passage tell us about the gospel? How can we reflect on these things and grow in our passion for sharing the gospel with others?

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## FAMILY MINISTRY

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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).

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### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Parents please make a note of our Children's Ministry holiday schedule.

*We pray that you will take these opportunities to celebrate the birth of our Savior together as a family and with our church family!*

**NO IG-Nite:** 1/3

IG-Nite Resumes 1/10/24

**WIT Holiday Break**

No WIT: 12/31

WIT will resume on 1/7/24

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## PARENTING WORKSHOP

### TOPIC: TALKING ABOUT SEX WITH YOUR KIDS

**Saturday, January 13th // 9am - 11am**

Parents today face the challenge of raising their children in a sex-saturated world. This seminar will take you through practical tips of how to talk and walk with your child in the midst of this hyper-sexualized world. We will be talking about what to do and what not to do when talking to your kids about sex. The aim of this seminar is to help you think about these conversations and how you can have them in a way that demonstrates grace and hope with your kids and points them to our compassionate Savior. This workshop is for parents of young children, elementary kids, teens, and college students. Parents who do not regularly attend Grace Church are welcome to attend, so feel free to invite your friends! This seminar is based on Eliza Huie's book "Raising Kids in a Hyper-Sexualized World". Each household who registers for the seminar before January 7, 2024 will receive a free copy of the book to take home after the workshop.

*Childcare is available at a limited capacity and will be available on a first registered basis.*

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## GRACE HAPPENINGS

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### *Happy New Year!*

Please note that the church office will be closed Monday, January 1. If you have an urgent need, please call and leave a message; we will respond to you promptly.

### UN-DECK THE HALLS

**Saturday January 6th // 10am**

Join us and help take down the Christmas decorations. Come when you can, leave when you have to. This is a great family activity, we have jobs for everyone!

### VISIT THE BOOKSTALL

**End of year clearance sale!**

Help us clear some room for new 2024 inventory by picking up some great books at deeply discounted prices!

### 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!

### ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

Sunday, January 28th // 11am

All members are encouraged to attend. While only members can vote, all are welcome to join in and hear what's happened and will be coming up at Grace Church in 2024. You must be present to vote.

### SCAM EMAILS

It has been brought to our attention that some of you have recently received an email that appears to be from Pastor Mike where he is asking to meet with you, or for you to send him gift cards or money. We want to take this time to assure you that neither Pastor Mike, nor any member of our staff, will ever send an email to you asking for money or gift cards.

When you receive an email of this nature, please check who sent the email. If it did not originate from a **graceinracine.com** email, it is **NOT** from a staff member at Grace Church. If you receive an email of this nature, and you aren't sure if you should trust it, please call the church office and we'll help you determine if the email is legitimate or not.



Scan here for all of the Worship Guide links!

TO KNOW CHRIST  
AND TO  
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN



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