
P S A L M S



SONGS FOR EVERY SEASON

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.

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

PRE-SERVICE

["The Way \(New Horizon\)"](#)

Welcome

Andy Feliksiak, Executive Director

PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Matthew 13:41-43](#)

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

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal

Patrick Tetzlaff, Elder

["Great Is Thy Faithfulness"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Psalm 1](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Matthew Lautz

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

Communion

["I Will Wait For You \(Psalm 130\)"](#)

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 Antonina "Nina" Kortendick, our love, sympathy, and prayers to her father, Scott Kortendick; mother, Jacqueline Randa; and siblings, Abigail, Ava, and Aiden Kortendick.

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Jean Eisenman on the passing of her father, David Kramer.

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.
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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

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: 658

Giving: \$54,354

2023 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,763,952

+/- Budget: -\$98,048

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 first week of 2024, we are taking a short break from the book of Matthew to look at Psalm 1 together. But truthfully, Psalm 1 is not as much of a deviation from Matthew as we may think; especially as we prepare for the Sermon on the Mount. This opening psalm draws up the boundary between the wicked and the righteous, how they fare in this life, and what will come of them.

Discussion Questions

1. With this being the first Sunday of 2024, how do you hope to grow in the Lord this year? What steps are you going to take?
2. Psalm 1 begins by speaking of the blessed man who avoids worldliness. What does the "counsel of the wicked," the "way of sinners," and the "seat of scoffers" look like in the world for us today?
3. What does it mean to "delight in the law of the Lord"? Would you characterize yourself as one who delights like this?
4. In verses 3-4, the psalmist uses a tree and chaff as illustrations. Why? Where else in scripture do we see similar pictures as these applied in a similar way?
5. Verses 5-6 emphasize the dichotomy between the righteous and the wicked. Who are the righteous and why is this term applied to them?
6. How does reading Psalm 1 with gospel lenses affect our understanding of it?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

[Psalm 1](#)

Pastor Matthew Lautz

PSALM 1

CLASSES

We are excited to offer classes that will help you to grow in your pursuit to know Christ in an ever-growing, ever-increasing way. These classes are aimed to help you grow regardless of where you are in your walk with Christ. Below are the descriptions of the classes we're offering.

Register using the QR code. Childcare is available.

Classes begin Sunday, February 4 and meet after service.

Family Discipleship: What is the Church?

Teachers: Chris Amundson and Rachel Menke

This class is for children and teens in first grade and older to attend with their parents.

The Lord has called all of his people to go and make disciples; and as families, the first place we are to do that is within our own home. But one thing that often holds us back from doing what we have been called to is a lack of confidence in how to start those conversations with our kids. This 8 week class is designed to help you see and use those opportunities to talk about the things of God with your kids. The class is designed for families to attend together and not only learn about God's design for what the church is, but to also get some guided practical experience in walking through these things together as a household.

Seeing Jesus in All the Scriptures // Teacher: Ryan Boyer

Jesus declared that all Scripture points us to him (Luke 24), yet knowing **how** to see him can be challenging. In this six week class, you will be equipped to see Christ in both the Old and New Testaments, exploring the different types of literature found in each. The class will also show how this impacts our application of Scripture to our lives, as well as an overview of the entire Bible as it relates to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

We Behold His Glory: Science and Faith // Teacher: Dave Jansson

Do you feel frustrated or a bit helpless when "science" is used as a means of confronting your faith, whether you're in school or out in the world? Do you wish you could respond more confidently when God's Word is being "dissed" in the name of science? This 8-week course will help. We will look at science and faith in a way that everyone can understand, and marvel at the ways in which the Living God is revealing more of Himself to mankind — those He has made in His own image.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

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.

BIG CHILL STUDENT MINISTRY

RETREAT

March 8 - 10, 2024 // Registration is open now through January 17.

Look for Ellie or Michelle at the information desk on Sunday mornings to hand in your registration or scan the QR code to register online.

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 that registers for the seminar before January 7, 2024 will receive a free copy of the book to take home after the workshop.

Childcare has reached capacity and is now closed.



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