



*H*ELD BY  
HUMAN  
HANDS

*Advent in the Epistles*

To Know Christ &  
To Make Christ Known



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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! Stop by the Welcome Table outside the sanctuary where you can receive a Bible if you need one, ask any questions about Grace, and take home a gift. Visit [graceinracine.com](http://graceinracine.com) or scan the QR code on the next page to fill out a Connect Card online.

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

["Angels From The Realms Of Glory"](#)

Welcome

Pastor Matthew Lautz

### PRAISE

Call To Worship

[Isaiah 25:9](#)

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

["The First Noel \(Born Is The King\)"](#)

### RENEWAL

Advent Prayer: *Love*

Ryan & Gina Boyer

"Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

[Hebrews 1:1-14](#)

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Evan Petras, Student Ministry Director

### RESPONSE

The Lord's Supper

["Angels From The Realms Of Glory"](#)

Benediction

*We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship.  
Refreshments are available in The Commons.  
Our Prayer Team is available in the front of the sanctuary.*

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## CARE MINISTRY

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Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Luann Menke, Julie Stalker, Deb Hilker, Ralph Lisowski

*On the passing of Michael Johnson, our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to his sister, Cheryl Steidl.*

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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)

### 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)

We have a dedicated prayer team that prays over each request. Additionally, our staff meets each week to pray over all of the needs of our congregation.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Children are welcome in our worship service, and we highly encourage their participation throughout the entire service.

**Follow-Along Sheets:** Stop by the Info Center for an activity sheet for your child's use during the service.

**Scribble Paper:** Paper is available in the pews for doodling & coloring. *Please refrain from use of the Connect Cards for doodle purposes.*

### 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)

Worshippers In Training will not meet on Sunday, December 28th or Sunday, January 4th. We will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2026. Please enjoy this time in service as a family.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

[Hebrews 1:1-14](#)

Evan Petras

Student Ministry Director

SERMON  
**NOTES**

**GOD HAS SPOKEN  
THROUGH HIS SON**

Christmas Sanctus  
(Holy, Holy, Holy)

Key of D

HYMNAL SCORE

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, in a man-ger low - ly;  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, sings the vir - gin Mar - y;  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Christ the Son now veiled in flesh in our hu - man - i - ty.  
for he shall de - liv - er us from sin's cap - tiv - i - ty.  
Heav - en's an - gels sound his praise with earth and sky and sea!

King - doms bow be - fore him, heav'n and earth a - dore him.  
Born to heal the na - tions, born for our sal - va - tion,  
Join the song of tri - umph, glo - ry in the high - est!

God here in per - son, hail his maj - es - ty.  
oh, mag - ni - fy him, Christ the Prince of Peace.  
Let all cre - a - tion crown him King of kings.

Next Week: [Titus 2:11-14](#)

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 809

Giving: \$71,418

### 2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,901,169

+/- Budget: \$-160,731

## ADVENT SEASON

### Longest Night Service: Tonight // 6pm

Join us for a unique service where we acknowledge that this world isn't perfect and can be difficult to endure at times. Even in the hardships, we cling to the hope of the gospel and find peace in the love of a God who sent his son to rescue us from this fallen world.

### Christmas Eve Service: Wednesday, December 24 // 3pm

Join us on Christmas Eve for our traditional Christmas Eve service. Sing Christmas songs, hear a brief message, sing "Silent Night" by candlelight and celebrate the arrival of *God With Us!* Stay after for cookies and cocoa.

### Invite someone to join us!

Stop by the Info Center for invitations to our Christmas services to share with those in your life as you walk through the discipleship steps of *engage & explore*.

**Help serve cookies & cocoa:** Help us spread holiday cheer! We are looking for volunteers to serve cookies and cocoa after Christmas Eve service. It's a fun, easy way to bless hundreds of people! Scan the QR code or contact Laura at: [info@graceinracine.com](mailto:info@graceinracine.com) for more information.

### Advent Playlist

Scan the QR code for our Advent playlist on Spotify.

Enjoy these songs as you move through the Advent season and wait upon the arrival of our Savior.

### Christmas Gifts at The Bookstall

Looking for gift ideas? We have books for the youngest and oldest on your list. Stop by and we'll help you pick something out.

## GRACE HAPPENINGS

### HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Our main office will be closed on:

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Thursday, January 1, 2026

If you have a need, please call the church office and leave a voicemail. Someone will return your call promptly.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Commissioning for Tom Maurer Sunday, January 4, 2026

We will celebrate Tom Maurer and commission him as he is called to serve in South Africa with missionaries Craig and Brenda Rebro.

### NEWCOMER GATHERING

#### Sunday, January 11 // 11:10 am // B60

If you are new to Grace Church and would like to know more about us, we invite you to our next Newcomer Gathering. This will be a time for you and your family to grab a bite to eat, meet a few of the staff, ask questions, and hear about the vision of Grace Church.

### GIVING STATEMENTS

These will be **emailed** to you in January. Please take time to verify your email address in the Church Center app. If you need help, please call the church office and we'd be happy to assist you.

### GIVING ENVELOPES

2026 Giving Envelopes are available for pick-up at the table next to the Life Group/Care Group wall. Please note, giving envelopes will no longer have individual or family numbers assigned. Please print your name clearly on the envelope so your donation can be recorded accurately.

Questions: Contact Pam  
[pnichols@graceinracine.com](mailto:pnichols@graceinracine.com)  
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### WAYS TO GIVE

The gospel is good news because it is a message of God's generous heart to give us everything we need for redemption in Christ. By being good stewards of what he's blessed us with, we are worshipping him together. The giving of our finances to the local church to accomplish the vision of knowing Christ and making Christ known is one way to invest and utilize the financial resources he's blessed us with.

#### There are several ways to give:

**Give Online:** Scan the QR code and give through Church Center

**At Grace:** Offering Boxes can be found in the balcony and outside the sanctuary on the main level

**By Mail:** Grace Church // 3626 Hwy 31, Racine, WI 53405



Scan here for sign-ups, and more info on items listed in the Worship Guide.