

TO KNOW  
CHRIST  
AND TO MAKE  
CHRIST  
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# WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH

## 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.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

### PRE-SERVICE

["10,000 Reasons \(Bless The Lord\)"](#)

Welcome Evan Petras, Student Ministry Director

### PRAISE

Call To Worship [Revelation 4:8b, 11](#)  
["Only A Holy God"](#)

### RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal Evan Petras  
["Speak, O Lord"](#)

### PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)  
Prayer of Illumination  
Preaching of the Word Pastor Chris Amundson

### RESPONSE

The Lord's Supper Jonathan Wiese, Elder  
["I Want To Know You"](#)  
Commissioning of Tom Maurer  
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.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

WIT will not meet today. Enjoy this time worshipping together as a family. WIT will resume on January 11th.

## CELEBRATE TOM MAURER

**January 4 // After Service**  
Join us as we commission and send Tom Maurer to serve in South Africa with global partners Craig and Brenda Rebro. Stay after service to celebrate Tom with some cake as he heads off to disciple young men in the hopes of opening their hearts to God and his teachings.

## NEWCOMER GATHERING

**January 11 // 11:10 am // B60**  
If you are new to Grace Church and would like to know more about us, join us at the 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. RSVP at the Welcome Table or by scanning the QR code.

## ENLIVEN SENIOR ADULT

**Mid-Winter Merriment**  
**Thurs., January 8 // 12pm - 3pm**  
Anyone age 55+ is welcome to join us for games, pizza, & fellowship. Bring a snack or treat to share. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

## WOMEN'S GATHERING

**Friday, January 16th // 6:30pm**  
Ladies, join us at a *Cozy Winter Women's Gathering* and enjoy some post-holiday, casual time. We will connect in fellowship, enjoy appetizers, warm beverages, games, and special presentations! We'll also lift our hearts in worship! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

## ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

**Sunday, January 25, 2026 // 11am**  
All members are encouraged to attend. While only members can vote, all are welcome to join in and hear what's happened in 2025 and will be coming up in 2026. You must be present to vote.

## 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, call us at 262-632-2111.

## GIVING ENVELOPES

2026 Giving Envelopes are available for pick-up at the table next to the Life Group/Care Group wall. Questions: Contact Pam [pnichols@graceinracine.com](mailto:pnichols@graceinracine.com) 262-632-2111.



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

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING

### LAST WEEK

Attendance: 657  
Giving: \$60,025

### 2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$2,001,077  
+/- Budget: \$-180,848

# 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.

As we move beyond the Advent season, we look ahead to journeying together into 2026. Our hope is that we will grow in our love for Christ and mature as his followers. Our engagement with his Word is central to this goal. Deuteronomy 6:4–9 gives us a picture of what it means to be God’s people and shows how our approach to Scripture shapes our relationship with him.

## Discussion Questions

1. Review: What has the Lord been teaching you over this last month of Advent?
2. What is the connection between loving the Lord (6:5) and our engagement with his word?
3. What does Deuteronomy 6:6-9 teach us about our approach to God’s word in our lives? How literally are we to take these commands?
4. What has your relationship to the scriptures been like over the past year? Where have you seen growth? Where have you seen weakness?
5. Were you able to do a “one to one” reading with someone else over the last year? If so, how did it go? If not, what has been the biggest challenge to doing one?
6. What goals do you want to set for yourself in engaging the Bible going into 2026?

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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

# SERMON NOTES

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**A PEOPLE  
OF THE WORD**

*Next Week:* [Matthew 24:1-14](#)