



To Know Christ &
To Make Christ Known



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HUMAN
HANDS

Advent in the Epistles

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 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

Welcome

Pastor Isaac Miller

PRAISE

Call To Worship

["Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"](#)

["O Little Town Of Bethlehem"](#)

RENEWAL

Advent Prayer: *Hope*

"Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

Dave & Libby Jansson

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word

[1 Timothy 3:14-16](#)

Pastor Matthew Lautz

RESPONSE

Silent Reflection

Corporate Confession of Faith

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

Benediction

Pastor Isaac Miller

*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.*

CARE MINISTRY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Caren Larsen

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

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.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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)

Note: WIT will not meet today, November 30th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. 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).

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.

Advent is a season for us to reflect upon the profound miracle that God would become fully man in order to save us. But it is not something that is to be merely appreciated from afar. The incarnation of the living Lord is meant to be embraced in such a way that we are changed in meaningful and magnificent ways.

Discussion Questions

1. What has Advent meant to you over the years? What does it mean to you now?
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:16. Why does Paul call this confession *the mystery of godliness*?
3. In verse 15, Paul refers to the church as a *pillar and buttress of the truth*. What does this mean and how does it guide us as we seek to be faithful as a local church?
4. Why must we be a people of the truth before everything else? Do you agree with this sentiment?
5. How does upholding the truth affect the way we behave in the household of God? What does it mean for the way we interact with one another?
6. How can we utilize the season and message of Advent to help others who are exploring the faith?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

[1 Timothy 3:14-16](#)

Pastor Matthew Lautz

MANIFESTED
IN THE FLESH

Next Week: Second Sunday of Advent // [2 Corinthians 8:8-15](#)

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 690

Giving: \$31,195

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,766,495

+/- Budget: \$-134,560

ADVENT SEASON

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Today is the last day to place orders!

Share in the decoration of our sanctuary for Christmas Eve by purchasing a poinsettia. At the conclusion of the service, grab your poinsettia from the stage and take it home to enjoy.

Scan the QR code for purchase options (colors, sizes, etc).

Payment due upon purchase.

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.

Visit The Bookstall

Looking for meaningful gifts for the children in your life? Stop by and browse our wide selection of children's books perfect for Christmas giving.

SERVICES

Longest Night Service: Sunday, December 21 // 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*.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

WOMEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, December 6 // 9am

Join us at our Holiday Women's Gathering! We'll continue our series through the Book of Psalms which began during the women's retreat (where we focused on Psalm 139), sing Christmas carols, fellowship, and enjoy delicious food! Scan the QR code to RSVP.

NEWCOMER GATHERING

December 7 // 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. Let us know you'll be joining us by stopping by the Welcome Table or scanning the QR code to RSVP.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Closes today, November 30th.

This offering is taken in addition to our regular offering. Scan the QR code to give online or indicate "Thanksgiving" on your check/envelope.

This year's offering will be designated to:

Globally: The INN (International Neighborhood Network)

Locally: Grace Local Partner HALO (The Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization)

MISSION PRAYER HOUR

December 1 // Room A29 // 7pm

Join us as we pray for our field workers and the lost people they seek to reach with the gospel.

SAVE THE DATE!

The G Family Commissioning

Sunday, December 14

We will celebrate The G Family as they are called to serve and will depart at the end of December. More details to come.

THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks to the over 50 volunteers who helped make our Thanksgiving meal a success. It was a blessing to see everyone connecting with our guests from HALO, fellowshiping, and enjoying this family meal.



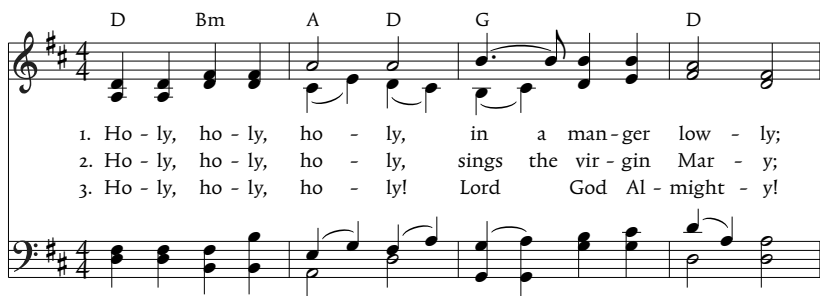
Scan here for sign-ups, and more info on items listed in the Worship Guide.

Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

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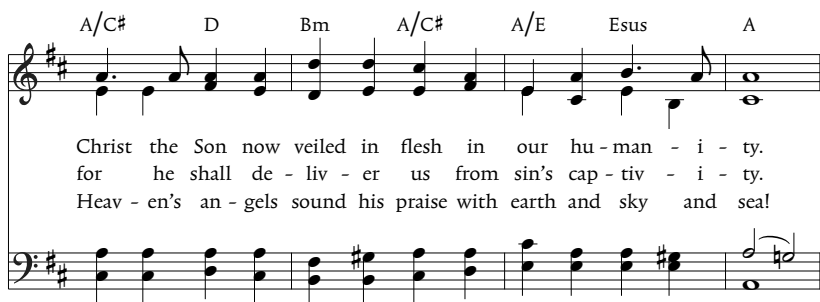
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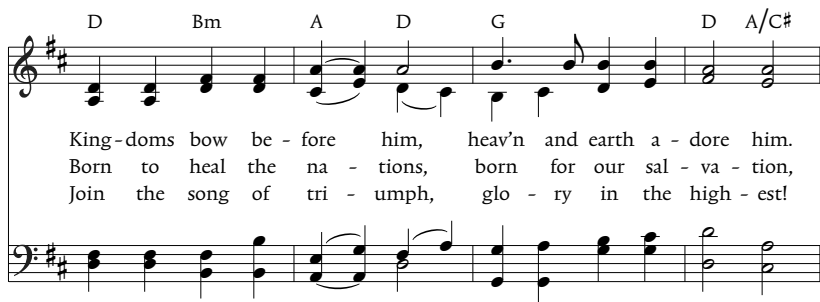
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2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, sings the vir - gin Mar - y;
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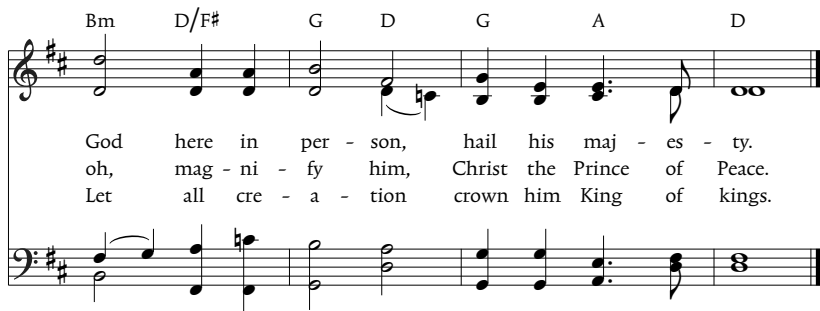
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for he shall de - liv - er us from sin's cap - tiv - i - ty.
Heav - en's an - gels sound his praise with earth and sky and sea!

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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!

Bm D/F# G D G A D



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.

The Word Made Flesh

The Ligonier Statement on Christology

www.christologystatement.com

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God, he became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.