

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 Chris Amundson

PRAISE

Call To Worship Psalm 66:1-4

"House Of The Lord"

"Let The Nations Be Glad"

RENEWAL

Prayer Of Renewal Praying for Special Guest: Troy Maragos,
Lead Pastor at Racine Bible Church

"Come, Ye Sinners"

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word Matthew 22:1-14

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

The Lord's Supper Pastor Mike Matheson

"Lord, I Need You"

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.

CARE MINISTRY

SNAP BENEFITS

If you're a member, or if someone in your family is a member who is currently receiving SNAP benefits or WIC and will be losing these as of November 1 due to the government shutdown, please reach out to Pam Nichols here at church or scan the QR code. We'd love to help you through this time.

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.

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 "Worshipers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed before the teaching portion of worship).

CHILD DEDICATION CLASS

Sunday, November 9 // 11am // Ceremony: Sunday, November 23

At Grace Church we believe that your child is a gift from God. Therefore we believe that it is important for parents to intentionally think through the steps they will take to raise their child in the fear and love of the Lord. If you'd like to have your child dedicated on November 23rd, please scan the QR code to register for the required class.

ATTENDANCE &GIVING

2025 GIVING

Year to Date: \$1,610,367 +/- Budget: \$-127,307

LAST WEEK

Attendance: 777 Giving: \$30,551

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.

At the beginning of Matthew 22, Jesus continues his teaching with parables. In this week's passage we are presented with a parable of a king whose invitation to a great wedding feast for his son is met with some surprising responses. In understanding these responses we learn what type of people will be part of the kingdom as well as those who won't.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Review: What was the purpose of Jesus cursing the fig tree from last week's passage? How did it relate to what he was saying to the religious leaders in the Parable of the Two Sons and the Parable of the Tenants in 21:28-46?
- 2. In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, we see people ignoring, refusing, and being hostile toward the king's invitation. What makes the actions of the invited so absurd to anyone hearing this parable?
- 3. Looking back at 21:45-46, who is this parable directed toward and how is it related to them?
- 4. In verses 9-10, the king commands his servants to invite everyone to this wedding feast. What is Jesus teaching about the nature of the kingdom here? How is it related to what Jesus was teaching earlier in 21:28-32?
- 5. What is the meaning of the king throwing out the man who has no wedding garment? Is the king being unreasonable?
- 6. How should Jesus' teaching motivate us in our call to make him known? What hope does this parable provide for the unbeliever?



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Matthew 22:1-14

Pastor Mike Matheson

GUEST LISTS & DRESS CODES

Next Week: Matthew 22:15-46

MISSION

2025 FALL & HOLIDAY COLLECTIONS

All items due back to Grace on Sunday, November 9th Food Drive for Harvest Outreach Food Pantry

It's time for our annual food drive to support the Harvest Outreach Food Pantry! Help us ensure our neighbors have food on their tables this season.

High-Need Items:

- Canned meats (tuna, chicken)
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Pasta and sauces

Thank you for your generosity!

Operation Christmas Child: Help us fill 300 shoeboxes!

It's time to spread joy around the world! Pick up your empty shoebox outside the sanctuary this Sunday.

Fill it with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for a child in need. Help us share the good news of Jesus Christ, one shoebox at a time! Scan the QR code for shoebox packing tips.

NEEDS FOR THE 2026 GUATEMALA HEALTHCARE TRIP

Help the team bless those who serve in Guatemala. Needs:

- Extra large suitcases; 27 to 29 inches in size. They don't need to be pretty; they just need to have functional zippers and wheels.
- Gifts for our patients: Items do not need to be new; but clean, lightweight, and gently used. Scan the QR code for a full list of items.

NOVEMBER FOCUS: PRAYING FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Throughout the month of November, we turn our hearts and prayers toward the global body of Christ. Remember the persecuted—those who suffer for the Gospel's sake.

Their courage is an inspiration, and our prayers are a vital lifeline. Join us in committing to pray daily for the protection, strength, and comfort of persecuted Christians.

Scan the QR code for a prayer guide and to learn more.

GRACE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

11:15am // Nov. 9 and Nov. 16

At Grace Church, membership is the way we root ourselves in the local body of Christ, like becoming part of a family. Join us for this two-class series to learn about the beliefs, vision, and organization of the church.

Attendance at both classes is necessary. A light lunch of sandwiches will be provided. Scan the QR code to register.

MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday, November 8 // 8am

Guys, join us at the third gathering of the season as we continue our series entitled: "Christianity Misunderstood." The misunderstood phrase that will be discussed is "Christianity is Not a Religion, It's a Relationship." Guys of all ages are invited for a hot breakfast, worship time, and a message. No RSVP needed

ASSIST WITH OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

We need many hands for this meal! We need people to help assemble centerpieces during the week, help with prep after morning service on November 23rd (decorating tables, food prep, and other tasks), and during the meal by busing tables, dishes/clean-up, & tear down. Scan the QR code to let us know if you're able to help.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

& Member Meeting!

Sunday, November 23 // 4pm

You're all invited to join us at our annual Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23rd at 4pm. We'll have a time of worship, hearing from the Word, and an opportunity to praise God together for all he's done in the past year. A small portion of our time together will also be a member meeting. After the service, we will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal together (food provided).

ADVENT SEASON

Prepare Your Heart This Advent

Advent begins on November 30th. Deepen your anticipation and reflection this season with our special selection of Advent books. Visit the Bookstall this week to find a variety of devotionals, study guides, and children's books for the season.

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

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.

Sales close December 1st. Scan the QR code for purchase options (colors, sizes, etc). Payment due upon purchase.



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