

# SUNDAY MORNINGS @ GRACE

## Adult Ministry

**Adult Sunday School:** Meets in the lower level at 9:20am, childcare is provided. We are studying faithful figures from church history such as Hallie Winsborough, George Mueller, J. Gresham Machen and many more. Join us as we learn from the mistakes and positive examples of Christians from the past.

## Children's Ministry

**Gracekids** (1st– 2nd Grade) & **Gracelittles** (PreK-K) Children's Church: Offered during the sermon in the lower level. The children are dismissed during the offertory.  
**Gracebabies** (0-3 years old) Nursery: In the lower level and is provided during both services beginning at 8:45AM.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kidz Night for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	December 1, 5:30-6:30pm
Women's Ornament Exchange	December 6, 6:30pm
Town Hall Meeting	December 8, after church
Grace Church Christmas Party at Wolverine Farm	December 13, 6-8:30pm
Children's Christmas Pageant	December 22, 12:15pm
Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service	December 24, 5 or 7pm

### Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule:

December 15 with lunch (speaking parts only)  
December 21, 5-7pm dress rehearsal with dinner  
December 22, final rehearsal during 10:40am children's church

- **Grace Women's Ornament Exchange** – December 6, 6:30pm at the Mikkelsen's Home: 2274 Harvest St. Fort Collins. Please bring a wrapped ornament that tells a story about you – a favorite holiday, memory, place you've traveled, etc.
- **Grace Church Christmas Party** – December 13, 6-8:30PM at Wolverine Farm (316 Willow St.) Join us for this fun evening of fellowship and food. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share (A-G: Dessert, H-Z: Appetizers). Drinks provided. Invite a friend!
- **Youth Group** – Every Sundays 6:30pm, 1933 Mackinac, 6th-12th graders welcome
- **ChurchSuite** – Email [admin@gracefortcollins.org](mailto:admin@gracefortcollins.org) to be added to the online directory!

## CONTACT INFO // GET INVOLVED

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# GRACE CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN

*Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life*

## VISION

Grace Church is an authentic community knowing and making known the love, hope, joy and freedom of Jesus. Through a gospel saturated message, Grace Church will embrace the city and the world with authentic relationships, loving leadership, engaging worship and a robust world and life view!

## MISSION

**Loving God** ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we are called to love God through engaging worship and vibrant discipleship. God's glory, not our preferences, will guide decisions we make. His beauty, majesty and holiness will overwhelm and govern our lives. We desire to spread His fame in Fort Collins and beyond!

**Loving People** ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we are called to love others. As a community, we are to live out the gospel through truth, love, hospitality, and kindness. We are not solely about the individual, but the body. We move into, not out of, the city and the world. Through the gospel, God blesses and makes us a blessing. Christ meets our needs that we may serve God and others!

**Loving Life** ❖ Out of a belief in the gospel, we will passionately live out the gospel life where we live, work, and play. We are called to enter work by taking the "formless" and "raw" places of the world and cultivating them. We will celebrate what God has done in creation literally eating and drinking to the glory of God! There will be a sense of longing in our midst as we wait for the new heavens and the new earth.

## GRACE GROUPS

*For more info contact Glenn Nelson, [glennmail97@gmail.com](mailto:glennmail97@gmail.com)*

### Women's Studies

**\*NEW\* Beginning January Women's Morning Study @ the Calton Home**// Wednesdays 10-11:30AM//Childcare Provided//Leader: Kelly Calton//Contact Kelly ([kpcalton@gmail.com](mailto:kpcalton@gmail.com) or 864-706-4112)

**Women's Evening Study @ The Worthington** // Tuesdays 6:45PM//Leader: Brenda Carlile//Contact Brenda ([brendacarlile9@gmail.com](mailto:brendacarlile9@gmail.com))

**Women's Morning Study**// Thursdays 9:30AM// Childcare Provided//Leader: Brooke Delaney//Contact Brooke 970-590-9171

**Women's Evening "Mugs and Muffins" @ the Nelson Home**//Thursdays 6:30PM//Leader: Terry Nelson //Contact Terry (Text: 970-217-4643)

### Men's Studies

**Men's Evening Study @ The Stauffer Home** // Tuesdays 6:30PM//Leader: Darris Stauffer // Contact Darris ([darris\\_stauffer@hotmail.com](mailto:darris_stauffer@hotmail.com))

**Men's Breakfast @ Grace Church**// Thursdays 6:30AM//Leader: Gary Scott// Contact Gary ([gary.w.scott@gmail.com](mailto:gary.w.scott@gmail.com))

### Mixed Studies

**Mid-town Group @the Calton Home**//Sundays 5PM //Leader: Wes Calton// Contact Kelly ([kpcalton@gmail.com](mailto:kpcalton@gmail.com))

**Old Town Group @ the Lymberopoulos Home**//Sundays 4PM //Leader: Gavin Lymberopoulos//Contact Gavin ([gavin@gracefortcollins.org](mailto:gavin@gracefortcollins.org))

**North FoCo Group @ the Kisner Home**//Sundays 4:30PM //Leaders: Gary Scott and Blake Lewis//Contact Gary ([gary.w.scott@gmail.com](mailto:gary.w.scott@gmail.com))

**Windsor Group** // Tuesdays// Leaders: Ross & Emily Johnson, Josh & Rebekah Ooms//Contact Emily ([emersonphit@hotmail.com](mailto:emersonphit@hotmail.com))

**Mid-town Group @the Hoppin Home**//Thursdays 6:30PM // Leaders: Jon & Heather Hoppin//Contact Jon ([jonathanhoppin@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanhoppin@gmail.com))

**South FoCo Group @ the Mikkelsen Home**//Thursdays 6:30PM //Leaders: Doug and Stephanie Mikkelsen//Contact Stephanie ([stephaniemikk@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniemikk@gmail.com))



# GRACE CHURCH presbyterian

*Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life*

**December 1, 2024**

## WELCOME AND REFLECTION

*We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.*

-John Stott

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Hope of the Coming Christ

Jesse Newman

## PRAISE THE LORD

† Call to Worship

Psalm 9:9-11

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.  
10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you. 11 Sing praises to the Lord

† Hymn of Worship

"We Wait for the LORD"

I wait for the LORD; my soul, failing, waits.  
Even in his word I put my hope.  
I will wait for you, LORD. I will wait for you, LORD,  
more than watchmen wait for the dawn.

We wait for the LORD; our souls, failing, wait.  
Even in his word we put our hope.  
We will wait for you, LORD. We will wait for you, LORD,  
More than watchmen wait for the dawn.

*Bridge: O come, let us put our trust in the LORD!  
With unfailing love, our heart he restores! (repeat)*

Stay awake, my soul, tonight; through the hours we will defy our fright,  
No, the darkness cannot hide the light, so we trust in you  
To fulfill your promise to be with us!

We wait for the LORD; our souls, failing, wait.  
Even in his word we put our hope.

We will wait for you, LORD. We will wait for you, LORD. (*repeat*)

† Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## RENEWAL

Scripture Reading Romans 3:10-18

None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. 13 Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. 14 “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” 15 Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 in their paths are ruin and misery, 17 and the way of peace they have not known. 18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and holy God, we confess that we are not righteous and we consistently fail to seek you. Instead, we turn aside to selfish thoughts and deceptive words. Our hearts are quick to hate others and we choose the way of division instead of the way of peace. Forgive us Father, because of our savior Jesus Christ, and send the Spirit, to grow in us a fear of you and you alone.**

Silent Confession

*We would like to offer a full minute for you to enter into this sacred space with God. As he meets you here, may you be renewed in his presence.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† Scripture Reading Reveleation 1:5-6

Jesus...loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

† Hymn of Response

“What Child Is This?”

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.
2. Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary.
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe the Son of Mary.

† Confession of Faith

from the Athanasian Creed

**We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Essence. For there is one Person of the Father; another of the Son; and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one; the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is; such is the Son; and such is the Holy Ghost. The Father uncreated; the Son uncreated; and the Holy Ghost eternal.**

†Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## OFFER YOURSELF TO THE LORD

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings Isaiah 2:22

Stop trusting in mere humans,  
who have but a breath in their nostrils.  
Why hold them in esteem?

*~Children 3 years – 2nd grade are invited to stay in the service or line up for Children's Church.~*

Musical Reflection

Prayer

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Malachi 1:1-14

The oracle of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.

2 “I have loved you,” says the Lord. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob's brother?” declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved Jacob 3 but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.” 4 If Edom says, “We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins,” the Lord of hosts says, “They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called ‘the wicked country,’ and ‘the people with whom the Lord is angry forever.’” 5 Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, “Great is the Lord beyond the border of Israel!”

6 “A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the Lord of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ 7 By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the Lord's table may be despised.8 When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the Lord of hosts. 9 And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the Lord of hosts. 10 Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. 11 For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. 12 But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. 13 But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the Lord of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the Lord. 14 Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

The grass withers, the flowers fade,  
**but the word of our God will stand forever.** Isaiah 40:8

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

“A Global Christmas Party”  
Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos

## THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

† Hymn of Worship

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean, In its fullness over me  
Underneath me, all around me, Is the current of thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward, To thy glorious rest above.
2. Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, Spread his praise from shore to shore  
How he loves us, ever loves us, Changeth never, nevermore  
How he watches O’er his loved ones, Died to call them all his own  
How for them he intercedeth, Watcheth o’er them from the throne.
3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Love of every love the best  
‘Tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘Tis a haven sweet of rest  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, ‘Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me  
And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to Thee.

† Hymn of Blessing and Sending

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israels's Strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art:  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart!
2. Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high appear  
Come, Thou promised rod of Jesse; of Thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to Him your praises singing; Christ the Lord has come to earth!"
3. Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.
4. Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

† Benediction

† *Congregation Standing*

**Bold**– *Congregational Response*