

# SUNDAY MORNINGS @ GRACE

## Adult Ministry

**Adult Sunday School:** Meets in the lower level at 9:20am, childcare is provided. We are studying the book of Lamentations.

## 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

3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Kids Night	January 12, 5-6pm
Prayer Lunch	January 19, following the service
Town Hall Meeting	January 26, following the service
Global Missions Conference	January 31, 6-8pm
GraceYouth "Staytreat"	February 8, all day
Grace Men's Event	February 15

- **ESL Ministry Volunteers Needed** – If you are interested in volunteering in this new ministry, please contact Jesse (newmanej@outlook.com).
- **Prayer Lunch** – Jan 19 - Join us as we eat a light lunch and pray. The time of prayer will end at 1pm. Kids are welcome.
- **Town Hall Meeting** – Join us January 26 following the service
- **Save the Date: Grace Church Global Missions Conference** – Friday January 31, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Dinner and a kids program provided.
- **GraceYouth "Staytreat"** - Have your 6th-12th grader join us for a full day of fun activities with our youth group around Fort Collins. Lunch and Dinner provided, just come ready for a full day of fun!
- **Grace Men's Event - Save the Date!** – February 15, more info coming soon.
- **ChurchSuite** – Email admin@gracefortcollins.org to be added to the online directory!

## CONTACT INFO // GET INVOLVED

**Pastor:** Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos//gavin@gracefortcollins.org

**Elders:** Jon Hoppin, Bruce Jenkins, Glenn Nelson, Josh Ooms, Gary Scott, Kevin Simmons

**Deacon/Deaconess:** Karen Holcomb, Eli Schnoor, Jen Smela

**Admin:** Stephanie Mikkelsen//admin@gracefortcollins.org

**Gracekids:** Stephanie Mikkelsen//admin@gracefortcollins.org

**Music Ministry** – Dan Delaney//dan@gracefortcollins.org

**Grace Women**– gracewomen@gracefortcollins.org

**Graceyouth** – Jesse Newman// newmanej@outlook.com & Ellis Holcombe// c.ellis.holcombe@gmail.com

**grace.churchsuite.co.uk/my** – Online Photo Directory (*Printed upon request*)

**www.gracefortcollins.org** – Facebook.com/gracefortcollins ~ Instagram: @Gracefoco

**Weekly E-Newsletters**— Sign up at [www.gracefortcollins.org](http://www.gracefortcollins.org)

**Grace Text-to-Give (Kindrid):** Text "Give" to (970)800-2376

# 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) for mixed groups or Gary Scott (gary.w.scott@gmail.com) for men's and women's groups

### Women's Studies

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

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

**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)

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

### Mixed Studies

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

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

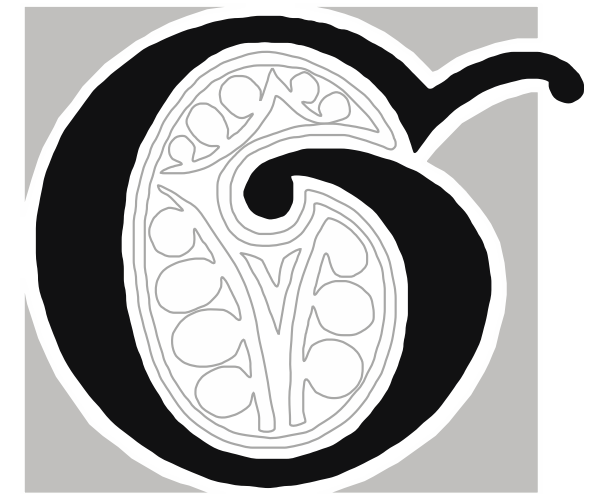
**North FoCo Group**//Sundays 4:30PM //Leaders: Gary Scott and Blake Lewis//Contact Gary (gary.w.scott@gmail.com)

**Loveland Group @ the Muraguri Home** // Mondays 6PM// Leaders: Stephen and Wairimu Muraguri //Contact Stephen (muraguri.s@gmail.com)

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

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

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



# GRACE CHURCH presbyterian

*Loving God - Loving People - Loving Life*

**January 12, 2025**

## WELCOME AND REFLECTION

*Elders...are appointed ... to feed their souls and [deacons] to feed their bodies. Christ is a merciful and compassionate savior he takes care not only of the souls of his people but their bodies, and therefore tis said that he that gives to the poor lends to the Lord. Christ is the savior of both soul and body.*

-Jonathan Edwards

## PRAISE THE LORD

† Call to Worship Psalm 100:1-2

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

† Hymn of Worship "Praise to the Lord"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him.

† 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

Colossians 3:5-8

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming. 7 In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and Holy God, we confess that you are eternal, merciful, and unchanging, we also confess that we are quick to anger, malice, slander, and obscene talk. Forgive us for the ways that we sin with our words and send your Spirit to make us peacemakers and encouragers. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

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

Isaiah 6:5-6 & John 12:41

And [Isaiah, after seeing Jesus’ glory] said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar.7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

† Hymn of Response

“Before the Throne of God Above”

1. Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is love who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav’n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart
2. When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me
3. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace  
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God, With Christ my Savior and my God

† Confession of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

†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

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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

Musical Reflection

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save [except] in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayer

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 6:1-15

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. 8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. 10 But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking. 11 Then they secretly instigated men who said, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” 12 And they stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes, and

they came upon him and seized him and brought him before the council, 13 and they set up false witnesses who said, “This man never ceases to speak words against this holy place and the law, 14 for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses delivered to us.” 15 And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

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

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

“What is the mission?”

Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos

## THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

† Hymn of Worship

“Thou Lovely Source of True Delight”

1. Thou lovely source of true delight whom I unseen adore  
Unveil thy beauties to my sight that I might love Thee more,  
Oh that I might love Thee more.
2. Thy glory o’er creation shines but in Thy sacred Word  
I read, in fairer, brighter lines my bleeding, dying Lord,  
See my bleeding, dying Lord
3. ‘Tis here, when e’er my comforts droop and sin and sorrow rise  
Thy love with cheering beams of hope my fainting heart supplies,  
Oh, my fainting heart’s supplied
4. Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light, Oh come with blissful ray  
Break radiant through the shades of night and chase my fears away,  
Won’t you chase my fears away

† Hymn of Blessing and Sending

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.  
*Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.*
2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer’s blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (*Chorus*)
3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. (*Chorus*)

† Benediction

† *Congregation Standing*

**Bold**– *Congregational Response*