

# 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
Global Missions Lunch	February 2, following the service
GraceYouth "Staytreat"	February 8, all day
Grace Men's Event	February 15
Women's Retreat	May 2-4

- **ESL Ministry Volunteers Needed** – If you are interested in volunteering in this new ministry, please contact Jesse (newmanej@outlook.com).
- **Children's Ministry Volunteers** – If you're interested in volunteering in our children's ministry contact Stephanie (gracekids@gracefortcollins.org). We have quite a few openings and could use your help!
- **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.
- **Young Adults Theology Night** - Saturday 1/25, 6pm at the Grace House (1933 Mackinac St.), contact Ellis (c.ellis.holcombe@gmail.com)
- **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.
- **Global Missions Lunch** - Join us Feb 2 for a global missions lunch after the 10:40 worship service. We will be learning about Blake Lewis' call to ministry in Uzbekistan.
- **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 Scavenger Hunt & Pub Hangout - Save the Date!** – February 15
- **Grace Women's Retreat – Save the Date!** - May 2-4, at the YMCA in Estes Park
- **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

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

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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) 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 19, 2025**

## WELCOME AND REFLECTION

*The love of the world cannot be expunged by a mere demonstration of the world's worthlessness. But may it not be supplanted by the love of that which is more worthy than itself?*  
-Thomas Chalmers, *Expulsive Power of a New Affection*

## PRAISE THE LORD

† Call to Worship

Isaiah 42:10

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
his praise from the end of the earth,

† Hymn of Worship

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art and ever more shall be.
3. Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

† 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 1 John 1:5-8

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and holy God, you are a fountain of love, and left to ourselves, we walk in darkness and hate. Forgive us for the times this week where we forgot that you are God and we are not. Forgive us for how we arrogantly think we have no sin, and even say we have no sin. Forgive us for not believing the truth. We ask for your mercy in the name of your Son, 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 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

† Hymn of Response “Hope on My Breath”

1. I am in Jesus, he is in me  
He has shown mercy, to his enemies  
He paid for my sins, with his own blood  
He made us children of God

*Chorus: Lord when you died, I died with you  
When you rose up, you made me new  
You conquered sin, you conquered death  
You are the hope that is on my breath  
Hallelu, Hallelujah*

2. When I am dirty, because of my sin  
I turn to you Jesus, you wash me again  
You write the truth, all over my heart  
The truth is who you are (*Chorus*)

† Scripture Reading Psalm 18:46-50

The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation—

**the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me, who rescued me from my enemies; yes, you exalted me above those who rose against me; you delivered me from the man of violence.**

For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name.

**Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever.**

†Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

## OFFER YOURSELF TO THE LORD

Presentation of the Tithes and Offerings Galatians 6:9-10

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

*~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 Acts 7:1-3,9-22,45b-60

And the high priest said, “Are these things so?” 2 And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, 3 and said to him, ‘Go out from your land and from your kindred and go into the land that I will show you.’”...9 “And the patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him 10 and rescued him out of all his afflictions and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who made him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. 11 Now there came a famine throughout all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction, and our fathers could find no food. 12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers on their first visit.13 And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. 14 And Joseph sent and summoned Jacob his father and all his kindred, seventy-five persons in all. 15 And Jacob went down into Egypt, and he died, he and our fathers, 16 and they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.17 “But as the time of the promise drew near, which God had granted to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt 18 until there arose over Egypt another king who did not know Joseph. 19 He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive. 20 At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, 21 and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son. 22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds...So it was until the days of David, 46 who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. 47 But it was Solomon who built a house for him. 48 Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, 49 “‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? 50 Did not my hand make all these things?’ 51 “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, 53 you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

54 Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. 55 But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man

named Saul. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The grass withers, the flowers fade,

**but the word of our God will stand forever.** Isaiah 40:8

Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

“The Truth Hurts”

Rev. Gavin Lymberopoulos

## THE BREAD AND WINE

Prayer of Preparation

Institution of the Lord’s Supper

† Hymn of Worship

“Ashes to Ashes”

Ashes to ashes and dust to dust  
Our life and our labor come to ruin and rust.  
Rend not your garments; we rend our hearts!  
And return to the LORD our God for mercy he imparts.

*Chorus: Restore us! Hear our sighing and our plea.  
Restore us! Send your mercy to our need.  
Restore us! Speak so we can hear your voice  
And join you in the life that never ends.*

† Hymn of Blessing and Sending

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my savior, hide, ‘til the storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.
2. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

† Benediction

† *Congregation Standing*

**Bold= Congregational Response**